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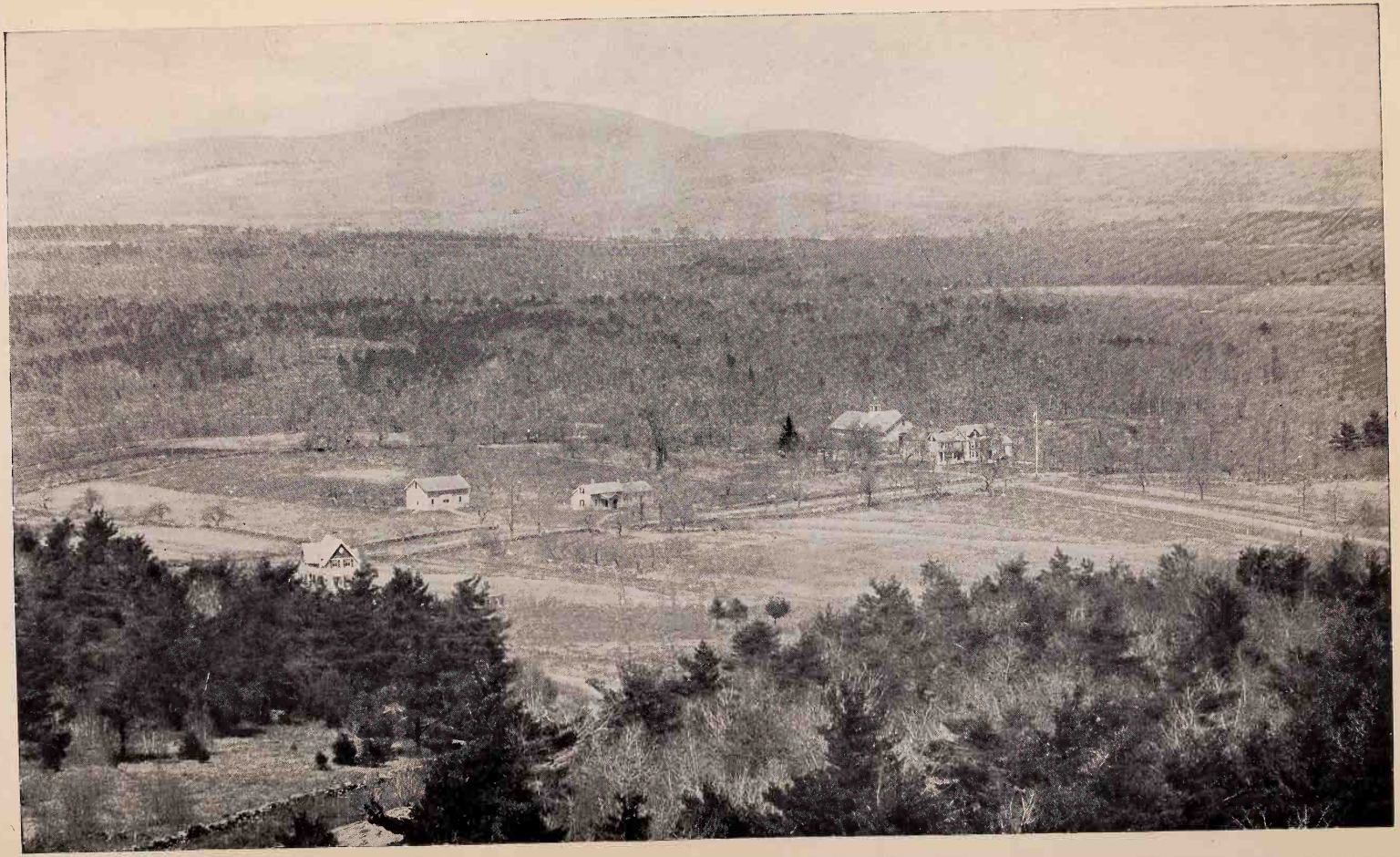

WHEELER HOMESTEAD, RUTLAND, MASS. (From Top of Water Works Tower)

The Wheeler Family
of
Rutland, Mass.
and
Some of Their Ancestors

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TO THE
MEMORY OF MY ANCESTORS
WHOSE NOBLE AND UPRIGHT-LIVES HAVE
MADE RESPECTED THE NAME OF
WHEELER
AND WHOSE VIRTUES I WOULD TRANSMIT
TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.
THIS VOLUME
IS REVERENTLY DEDICATED

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INTRODUCTORY

How little we know concerning our ancestors, even of those who have immediately preceded us. In the words of another,

> "Aye thus it is, one generation comes,
> Another goes and mingles with the dust.
> And thus we come and go and come and go
> Each for a little moment filling up
> Some little place—and thus we disappear
> In quick succession and it shall be so
> Till time in one vast perpetuity
> Be swallowed up."

Most of us reach middle life before we interest ourselves in matters pertaining to our ancestors and it is then too late to avail ourselves of the information that we might have acquired of our elders in our early life.

Having been able during the past twenty-five years to devote some odd hours to the study of his ancestors, the author deems it his duty as well as his privilege to put upon record the facts that he has learned and herewith presents them with the hope that they may be of some service to posterity.

Daniel Webster is reported to have said, "It is wise for us to recur to the history of our ancestors those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future, do not perform their duty to the world."

The author is not so foolish as to claim that there are no errors to be found in this volume but he trusts that if errors are found the finder will charitably consider how great and how difficult has been the task of investigation and compilation extending through many years and involving the searching of hundreds of records widely scattered.

This work has been a labor of love. It has enabled the author to live over again the lives of his ancestors, to better appreciate their surroundings and difficulties and the sterling qualities thereby engendered.

It should be said that this book does not purport to be a record of *all* the descendants of Richard Wheeler of Dedham and Lancaster, but only of such of them as are the direct ancestors of the Rutland family.

To the original book, as at first contemplated, has been added three chapters devoted to the Halladay family of Suffield, Conn. and Marlboro, Vt., the ancestors of the author's mother.

The author is so greatly indebted to so many city, town and church clerks, genealogies, public libraries, librarians and individuals that it would be impracticable to name them all and he therefore takes this opportunity to acknowledge his indebtedness and extend his thanks to all who have aided him in this work.

That the perusal of these pages may give to those interested as much pleasure as the collection and preparation of material has given to him, is the sincere desire of the author.

Pittsfield, Mass., May, 1924.

The Wheeler family is of ancient English origin having been numerous in and about London for several hundred years.

It is evident that some members of the family were prominent citizens for it is recorded that during the reign of Charles II (1649 to 1685), Sir Charles Wheeler was appointed "Captain General of the Caribee Islands," and in 1693 an English fleet under the command of Sir Francis Wheeler put into the port of Boston to recruit.

Among the first settlers of New England there were several Wheelers who settled at Concord, Dedham, Boston, Charlestown and Newbury, Mass. and Stonington and Stratford, Conn. and at other places, according to Savage's Genealogical Dictionary.

No relation has ever been established between these families although it is probable that some of them, at least, were related.

The spelling of the name has been recorded in different ways according to the caprice or ignorance of various town and church clerks, as for example, Wheelar, Wheler, Wheller, Wheyler.

But whenever original signatures are obtainable the name is always found to be spelled Wheeler.

This book is devoted to Richard Wheeler of Dedham and Lancaster and some of his descendants and allied families.

CHAPTER I

FIRST GENERATION AND ALLIED FAMILIES, 1611-1676

RICHARD [1] WHEELER, born in England perhaps in 1611, married first at Dedham, Mass., May 4, 1644, Elizabeth Turner of Dedham who died in Dedham, Dec. 25, 1656.

He married second at Lancaster, Mass., Aug. 2, 1658, Sarah Prescott, daughter of John and Mary (Platts) Prescott. She was born in Halifax Parish, England in 1637.

The children of Richard and Elizabeth, all born at Dedham, Mass. were:

(1) Sarah, born Feb. 4, 1644-5—Died Dec. 25, 1656.

(2) Mary, born Oct. 5, 1646—married Thomas Wilder of Lancaster.

(3) John, born Oct. 18, 1648—died at Dedham Feb. 17, 1661-2.

(4) Samuel, born Jan. 4, 1650-1—died at Dedham, Dec. 25, 1656.

(5) Hannah, born Aug. 30, 1653.

(6) Joseph, born Feb. 5, 1655-6—killed by Indians at Lancaster, Aug. 22, 1675.

The children of Richard and Sarah were:

(7) ABRAHAM, born at Dedham, Dec. 7, 1659—married Tabitha—killed by Indians at Lancaster, Nov., 1695.

(8) ISAAC, born at Dedham, or Lancaster in 1661, married in 1682 or 1683, Experience Metcalf of Medfield.

(9) Jacob, born at Lancaster, Nov. 25, 1663—died Feb. 21, 1663-4.

(10) ZEBEDIAH, born at Lancaster Jan. 2, 1664-5, married Mary—died at Stowe, Mass., Dec. 16, 1729.

(11) Sarah, born at Lancaster March 12, 1666, married——Taylor. She was living in 1742.

(12) Elizabeth, born at Lancaster May 24, 1669, married Feb. 12, 1691. Jonathan Rice of Sudbury.

(13) Samuel, born at Lancaster April 29, 1671—Soldier in Expedition to Canada,—died in 1691. Inventory dated April 3, 1691.

(14) Daniel (probably).

Richard [1] Wheeler was killed by the Indians at Lancaster in King Phillip's war, Feb. 10, 1675-6.

HISTORY

Richard Wheeler's name first appears in this country upon the occasion of his marriage to Elizabeth Turner, May 4, 1644. From this time on, his name appears frequently upon the Dedham records.

While there seems to be no proof of the fact, it is probable that this Richard is the same who, at the age of 24, embarked for "Virginia" from the port of London in August 1635, on the ship "Thomas," Henry Tavener, Master, and who with 57 others were examined by the minister at Gravesend "touching their conformity in our religion" before embarking.
(See Hotten's List of Emigrants to American Plantations, Page 126)

The term "Virginia" was an elastic one in those days and often included New England, at one of whose ports the "Thomas" may have entered, or if he first landed in Virginia, he may have come afterward to New England. At any rate there seems to be no record of Richard in Virginia.

At a town meeting in Dedham, Jan. 1, 1646-7, the following votes were passed:

"Richard Wheeler and John Farrington ar admitted Townsmen," and "Graunted unto Richard Wheeler and John Farrington 2 acres of vpland to be laid out at the discretion of Peter Woodward, Rob't Hinsdale, and Richard Euered beyond the house Lott of the Richard Euered and betwixt the highway and ye swampe ther."

(Dedham Records)

Richard Wheeler's house was built soon after, as it appears upon the valuation list of 1648 and in that year he and John Farrington bought Will Barstow's grant of 8 acres.

On Feb. 26, 1651-2 the town voted "Granted to Rich Wheeler one parcel of vpland being about 1 acre more or less as it lyeth upon the South and west sides of his house Lott a highway to the swamp reserved."

(Dedham Records)

On March 1, 1652-3 a division of 500 acres of common land was made and Richard Wheeler drew lot No. 29 consisting of eight acres and eleven rods.

On Feb. 20, 1656-7 a division of the "cow commons" was made and Richard's share was eight "cow commons". As will be seen later these eight "cow commons" descended to his son Isaac [2] and afterward to his grandson, Isaac [3] Wheeler.

On July 5, 1660, he drew lot No. 48 containing eight acres as his share of another division of common lands and on the same day the town voted: "Libertie is granted to Rich. Wheeler to have he pt of the 500 acre diuident layed out to him vpon the ragged playne neere the ponde and on the south side of that ponde of the east side of the ridge, to be laid out by Lieut. Fisher and Peter Woodward." (Dedham Records)

He also owned other land in Dedham as allusion is made to it in a deed from Ephraim May to John Draper dated Dec. 27, 1717 of land in the Great Cedar Swamp "abutting upon the swampe of Richard Wheeler."

(Suffolk Registry of Deeds B. 32 P. 272)

He also owned in company with John Farrington at least twenty-two acres of upland in Dorchester, his one half interest in which he sold to Peter Woodward, Jr. of Dedham. Reference to this transaction is found in a deed of William Hoadle, Attorney for heirs of John Farrington to James Fales dated Nov. 19, 1694. (Suffolk Registry of Deeds B. 36, P. 142).

Richard Wheeler was one of the original proprietors of the town of Medfield which was set off from Dedham and organized in 1651.

His name is among the first twelve signatures upon the original agreement of the proprietors, now preserved by the town of Medfield.

While it is not probable that he ever lived in Medfield, it is evident that he owned land there from the fact that for 100 years thereafter reference, is made in deeds to "Wheeler's Bottom Swamp" in that town. He also had land at Wollomonopoag, now Wrentham, which was then an outlying precinct of Dedham. In the Wrentham town records in 1696, twenty years after his death, mention is made of the setting off to the right of Richard Wheeler, of three cow, and two sheep commons.

On May 17, 1652 he was appointed one of three commissioners to lay out the road between Dedham and Braintree and on May 3, 1659 he was appointed upon a similar commission to lay out the road between Dedham and Dorchester. On Dec. 25, 1656 his wife Elizabeth and two of their children, Samuel and Sarah, died, perhaps by fire or other accident, and on Aug. 2, 1658 he married at Lancaster, Sarah Prescott, daughter of John Prescott, the founder of Lancaster.

In 1659 he was one of the fence viewers for "Purgatory playne."

At a town meeting on June 22, 1660, Richard Wheeler was appointed one of a committee "deputed to viewe the Lande both vpland & meadow near about the pondes by Georges Indians wigwam and make report of what they find to the selectmen in the first opportunity they can take"—this being his last recorded service to the town of Dedham.

Richard removed from Dedham to Lancaster sometime between 1660 and 1663, in which latter year his son Jacob was born in Lancaster. Joseph Willard in his historical address at Lancaster in 1826, says that at the time of his death (1676) "Wheeler had been in town about fifteen years" and it is probable that he came soon after the death of his son John which occurred at Dedham, Feb. 11, 1661-2. There is little doubt that he had moved prior to Nov. 21, 1662, as upon that date the town of Dedham paid to Richard Ellis upon an order a sum of money due to Richard Wheeler for three days service at "Woolomonupuck," now Wrentham, thus indicating the latter's absence from town.

This is the last record of Richard at Dedham except in the matter of taxes which continued until 1669, his last assessment being for the purpose of raising the money for the payment of King Philip's claim at "Wollomonupoage," the date being Nov. 15, 1669.

Richard owned land in Lancaster previous to his settlement there, however, for in the records of Lancaster under date of Feb. 5, 1659-60, after voting to lay out a "Second Division" of meadow land and giving directions as to the part first to be laid out, the town voted "And then to begin

at the north end of Goodman Whellers meadow and lay out what is meadow fit to mow toward Master Josllins house"—In this second division Richard Wheeler drew lot No. 28.

The "Book of Lands" of the proprietors of Lancaster has the following description of

"The Lands of Richard Wheeler,"

"*house Lott*—first he hath his house Lott whereon he built near unto danes Brook bounded southerly by the Lott of John Houghton and partly by the Common and northardly by the stated common and easterly and westerly it buts upon the stated common lying for twenty acors be it more or less together with sum small additions one adioyning to it and another lying near Johns Jump."

"*Enteruail Lott.* More he hath twenty acors of enteruail laid being his enteruail Lott in the first division lying on the east side of Nashaway Riuer lying in two pieces bounded westerly by the Riuer and easterly by the upland and buts southerly upon sum enteruail of thomas Sawyer and northardly upon the upland and Riuer meeting." The Thomas Sawyer here referred to was Richard's brother-in-law.

In the record of Lancaster town meeting under date of Feb. 2, 1668-9, is the following vote: "Goodman Wheller desired the town to give him a little piece of land lying by the side of Nashaway Riuer a little above Johns Jump which was granted by the towne."

Richard Wheeler's house lot was situated in what is now known as South Lancaster south east of Georges Hill extending probably to or beyond the B. & M. R. R. at and south of Thayer Station, formerly South Lancaster. His intervale or meadow was upon the east side of the Nashua River between South Lancaster and Clinton and north east of the corner of High and Allen streets in the latter town. The north end of this intervale was probably opposite and easterly of the sewage pumping station of the town of Clinton. It would seem that Richard was a prosperous citizen as his name appears upon the valuation list of Lancaster in 1663 as one of the six wealthiest residents, his father-in-law, John Prescott, being also among the number.

He was "admitted freeman" May 19, 1669.

(N. E. Hist. & Gen. Register Vol. 3, Page 240.)

He was chosen "grand juryman " from Lancaster Oct. 17, 1672, this being an elective office at that time.

Richard Wheeler was also one of the earliest proprietors of "Pocomtuck," now Deerfield, Mass. although he never lived there. His name appears with those of other property holders of Dedham in the list of proprietors of Pocomtuck in 1669 and 1673. (Sheldon's History of Deerfield.)

His son Joseph was killed by the Indians at Lancaster Aug. 22, 1675 in King Philip's war.

Richard had built a "block house" or garrison house on his farm at South Lancaster, this being one of the five similar defences of Lancaster, and it was here that he, his brother-in-law, Jonas Fairbanks, and his nephew,

Joshua Fairbanks, together with two other persons, were killed by the Indians in King Philip's attack Feb. 10, 1675-6.

Concerning these persons it is said, "The first three were shot by the Indians who climbed upon the barn and so shot down over the palisades. The other two were waylaid while outside upon some errand."

(Hurd's History of Worcester County Vol. 1 Page 15.)

Ephraim Sawyer, a nephew of Richard Wheeler, was killed at the same time at the block house built by John Prescott the father-in-law of Richard and the rest of Richard's family together with the remaining inhabitants were taken to Concord by the soldiers sent to rescue them. Richard's widow, Sarah, removed later to Dedham with her children. From 1675 to 1697, seventy-two persons were reported killed by the Indians at Lancaster. The list includes Richard Wheeler and fourteen of his relatives as follows: Joseph and Abraham, his sons; Jonas Fairbanks, brother-in-law; Hannah (Prescott) Rugg, sister-in-law: Joseph Rugg and wife, Jonathan Fairbanks and Ephraim Sawyer, nephews and niece; Grace and Jonas, children of Jonathan Fairbanks and three young children of Joseph Rugg. Thus out of seventy-two victims whose names have been preserved, at least fifteen, or more than one fifth were either members of Richard Wheeler's family or related to him by blood or marriage.

In addition to these fatalities, three of his relatives were taken prisoners by the Indians during this time. viz: his daughter-in-law, Tabitha, wife of Abraham, his niece, the wife of Jonathan Fairbanks and a son of his nephew, Joseph Rugg—(see History of Lancaster and Nourse's Military Annals of Lancaster). Richard's son Samuel, was a soldier under Maj. Wade in Sir William Phips expedition to Canada in 1690 and died soon after his return in 1691. In 1738 his nephew Joseph Wilder, petitioned for and received the grant of land due "his uncle Samuel Wheeler his mother's brother who served under Maj. Wade in the Canada expedition." (Marvin's History of Lancaster Page 125.)

On Sept. 1, 1742, Sarah Taylor gave a receipt to Joseph Wilder for "what I was to receive from him on account of a lot granted to my brother Samuel Wheeler by ye court as a Canada soldier." Inventories of the estates of Richard Wheeler and his two sons, Abraham and Samuel, are preserved in the Middlesex Probate records. From the inventory of Richard's estate dated Aug. 6, 1676, it appears that he owned probably 450 (certainly 400) acres of land in Lancaster and some personal property at Dedham, among the latter being a sword and three muskets.

His real estate in Dedham was not mentioned in this inventory which was attested by his widow, Sarah, who was administratrix.

(Middlesex Probate Records, B 5 page 94.)

Samuel's estate consisted of 108 acres of land in Lancaster. One charge to the estate was for "money expended to fit him for Canady."

This inventory was dated April 3, 1691. Reference is made to portions of Richard Wheeler's real estate in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds at Cambridge as follows: On July 6, 1700, Zebediah [2] Wheeler of Stowe

deeded to Henry Willard 40 acres of land (2nd Division) near Great Pond Meadow and 6 acres of meadow (3rd Division) at Pine Hill meadows, Lancaster, both pieces formerly belonging to "my late deceased father, Richard Wheeler" (Middlesex Registry of Deeds B 31 P 31.) Abraham [2] and Isaac [2] Wheeler some time previous to the death of the former in 1695, deeded to Josiah Whitcomb about 100 acres of their father Richard's estate in Lancaster. This deed is not upon record, but allusion is made to it in a deed from Zebediah [2] Wheeler of Stowe to David and Hezekiah Whitcomb (sons of Josiah Whitcomb) dated Feb. 5, 1721-2 in which he conveys his interest in a tract of land lying "on the south end of Long Hill and belonging to my late honored father Richard Wheeler" being the same land deeded by "my brothers Abraham and Isaac to Josiah Whitcomb." (Middlesex Registry of Deeds B 32 Page 84).

Mention is also made of Zebediah's selling some of his father Richard's land "up North River" (North branch of Nashua River) to Daniel and Samuel Wheeler and his sister Sarah (Wheeler) Taylor. (Notes of Hon. H. S. Nourse, Historian of Lancaster.)

On Sept. 21, 1731, Zebediah [3] Wheeler of Stowe, but later of Western (now Warren) son of Zebediah [2] deeded 25 acres of land in Lancaster belonging to his grandfather, Richard Wheeler. Some at least of the real estate held by Richard in Dedham descended to his son Isaac [2] and through him to his grandson Isaac [3].

There are no deeds recorded that are signed by Richard Wheeler but his name appears as a witness to deeds in 1646.

(Suffolk County Registry of Deeds B. 1 Pages 120 and 121.)

Nothing is known of the burial place of Richard Wheeler or any of his family.

SARAH [2] PRESCOTT, wife of Richard [1] Wheeler was the daughter of John [1] Prescott the founder of Lancaster and was born in England in 1637.

After the death of her husband she joined in the petition of the remaining inhabitants of Lancaster for an escort of soldiers, as the town was to be temporarily abandoned. When the soldiers arrived she with her children accompanied them to Concord. From Concord the family removed to Dedham where on February 22, 1677-8 she married Joseph Rice of Marlboro, Mass.

The genealogy of her family is as follows:

III JAMES PRESCOTT born probably before 1500 married—— Standish, daughter of Roger Standish.

Their children were:

(1) Sir James, married Alice Molineau—made Lord of manor of Dryby in Lancashire—died March 1, 1583.

(2) ROGER, married (1) Elizabeth——and (2) Aug. 20, 1568 Ellen Shaw.

(3) Ralph—died young.

(4) Robert—married Feb. 3, 1565. Elizabeth Nightingale, lived at Standish—died in 1576.

(5) William—married three times—father of Sir John Prescott of Essex County and Bromley in Kent Co. Resided at Copley Parish in Standish.

(6) John—married Anne——Lived at Sutterly in County of Lincoln.

II ROGER PRESCOTT, son of James and——(Standish) Prescott, married (1) Elizabeth—— of Shevington and (2) Ellen Shaw of Standish. The children of Roger and Elizabeth were

(1) Hellen baptized at Standish March 3, 15—(?).

(2) Lawrence baptized at Standish Sept. 23, 1566.

The children of Roger and Ellen were:

(3) Anne baptized Mar. 28, 1569, married Alexander Wymards.

(4) RALPH, born 1571-2—married Ellen——lived at Shevington in Standish—Died in 1608 or 9.

I RALPH PRESCOTT, son of Roger and Ellen (Shaw) Prescott, born 1571-2—married Ellen——.

The children of Ralph and Ellen were

(1) Hellen, baptized Oct. 1593.

(2) Roger, baptized Dec. 2, 1594.

(3) Alice baptized Feb. 7, 1597-8.

(4) Cecelia, baptized Oct. 16, 1602.

(5) JOHN, baptized—, 1604-5, married Jan. 21, 1628-9, Mary Platts died at Lancaster, Mass., in 1681.

HISTORY

Ralph Prescott lived in Shevington, Lancashire, England. His will was dated Nov. 7, 1608 and proved Jan. 24, 1608-9. In it he mentions his son John.

1605-1681

JOHN [1] PRESCOTT, son of Ralph and Ellen (——) Prescott born 1604-5, married Jan. 21, 1628-9 Mary Platts of Wygan, Lancashire, England.

The children of John and Mary were:

(1) Mary, baptized at Sowerby, Halifax Parish, England, Feb. 24, 1629-30—married in 1648, Thomas Sawyer of Lancaster.

(2) Martha, baptized at Sowerby, Halifax Parish, England Mar. 11, 1632—married John Rugg of Lancaster—died Jan. 24, 1656.

(3) John, baptized at Sowerby, Halifax Parish, England, April 1, 1635, married Nov. 11, 1668, Sarah Heywood.

(4) SARAH, baptized at Sowerby, Halifax Parish, England in 1637 married Aug. 2, 1658, Richard Wheeler.

(5) Hannah, born probably at Barbadoes in 1639, married May 4, 1660 as second wife, John Rugg. Killed by Indians Sept. 11, 1697.

(6) Lydia, born at Watertown, Mass., Aug. 15, 1641, married (1) May 28, 1658, Jonas Fairbanks of Lancaster and (2) Elisha Barron.

(7) Capt. Jonathan, born at Lancaster in 1646, married (1) Aug. 3, 1670, Dorothy—— who died in 1674, and (2) at Concord, Dec. 23, 1675, Elizabeth Hoar who died Sept. 25, 1687 and (3) Dec. 18, 1689 Rebecca, widow of Hon. Peter Buckley and daughter of Lieut. Joseph Wheeler and (4) Aug. 18, 1718. Ruth Brown.

He died at Concord, Dec. 5, 1721 aged 75.

(8) Jonas, born at Lancaster in 1648, married Dec. 4, 1672, Mary Loker of Sudbury, settled in Groton and died there Dec. 31, 1723., aged 75.

John Prescott died at Lancaster in December 1681. There appears to be no record of the death of his wife who survived him.

HISTORY

John [1] Prescott, the father of Sarah (Prescott) Wheeler, was born at Shevington, Lancashire, England in 1604-5 and resided there until his marriage to Mary Platts, Jan. 21, 1628-9 when he sold his home and removed to Sowerby, Halifax Parish, Yorkshire, where most of his children were born. For his conscience's sake and to avoid persecution he emigrated to America going first to the Island of Barbadoes in the West Indies where the records show him to have had property in 1638. He came to Boston in 1640 with his family and settled in Watertown. In 1643 he, with several associates negotiated the "Nashaway Purchase," acquiring a tract of land ten miles long and eight miles wide comprising what is now the town of Lancaster, Mass., and portions of adjoining towns. He removed through the wilderness to that place probably in 1643 with his family who were nearly drowned while fording the Sudbury River.

He was the first settler and the leading spirit of the enterprise and easily deserved the title that has been given him "The Founder of Lancaster."

He was also the first settler in Worcester County.

It was at first proposed to call the new town established upon the "Nashaway Plantation" after its leading citizen and a petition was sent by the citizens to the General Court, asking that the town be called "Prescott," but the wise solons of that day decided that this "smacked too much of man worship" and therefore refused the request, but named the town Lancaster in compliment to John Prescott's native county in England and appointed John Prescott, Ralph Houghton and Thomas Sawyer as three of the six "Prudential Managers" of the new town. This was in 1653.

John Prescott first settled at the site of the present public buildings and Unitarian church but soon sold these lands and took up other lands near South Lancaster on the east slope of "George's Hill" at the place now called "Maplehurst."

Of him the historian of Lancaster, Hon. H. S. Nourse writes, "Not one of the famous frontiers men whose figures stand out so prominently in early history was better equipped with the manly qualities that win hero worship in a new country than was the father of the Nashaway Plantation.

Had Prescott, like Daniel Boone, been fortunate in the favor of contemporary historians to perpetuate anecdotes of his daily prowess and fertility of resource, or had he left grateful successors withal to keep his memory green, his name and romantic adventures would, like Boone's, adorn Colonial annals.

Persecuted for his opinions, he went out into the wilderness to found a home and for forty years thought, fought and wrought to make that home the center of a prosperous community. Loaded from his first steps with discouragements that soon appalled every other of the original co-partners in the purchase of Nashaway from Showanon, Prescott alone held to his pur-

pose and death found him at his post." (Life of John Prescott in Military Annals of Lancaster).

The "Book of Lands" of the Proprietors of Lancaster, has the following description of the lands of John Prescott.

"Lotts of Jn° Prescott. The ffirst Lott as the Scenter from which other Lotts may take their boundings and descriptions North and South, is the Lott of John Prescot who is one of the first Inhabitants, he hath his Lott on the west side of the Nashaway and the North Riuers containing 20 Acors in place where sometimes one Mr Symons and Thomas King built a trukeing house, Butting Easterly vppon the highway and westerly toward the Comons."

"His Entervale Lott containeth 50 Acors, Butteth vppon the North and Nashaway Riuers Easterly and tendeth Westerly as it is now ffenced and one part Lying Northerly of the Highway and another part Southerly from the Lott of Thomas Sawyer."

"That Lott of John Prescott Containing 20 acors which Lyeth on the east side of the Highway over against his former Lott Described butteth vppon the high way westerly and the Comons Easterly."

Prescott was a blacksmith and millwright originally, but he was also a surveyor and a builder of roads and bridges.

In 1648 he laid out the "Road to Connecticut by Nashaway, which avoided most of the hilly way," and for his services received 100 acres of land near Lake Washacum in Sterling including the land upon which the Sterling Junction depot is now located. Later he bought of Quanapoag, the Nashaway chieftain, 110 acres adjoining this grant including the land now known as the Methodist Camp Meeting Grounds at Sterling—the deed being dated March 22, 1669-70.

In this deed mention is made of Fort Washakim as follows "Washakim fort being aboutt fiefteene rods from the nearest pt of this plaine" etc. Chief Quanapoag's wigwam was upon a rise of ground between the East and West Washacum Lakes. His English name was James Wiser, and the relations between him and Prescott were always very friendly.

Prescott took the oath of fidelity in 1652 and was made freeman May 19, 1669.

In 1652 he entered into an agreement with the town to build a grist mill or "corn mill" as it was then called. He completed the mill and commenced grinding March 23, 1653-4.

This mill was built upon Goodrich Brook on Water St. in Clinton, then a part of Lancaster and it was the first mill erected in Worcester County. Before its erection the nearest mill was at Watertown, 30 miles distant. He also built a block house, or "Garrison House" on the hill near the mill a little southeast of the corner of High and Water Sts in Clinton and to this house he removed his family, perhaps before he had finished the mill, and here he lived thereafter. This house and mill were the first buildings to be erected in that portion of the town and for a while were the only buildings within the present limits of the town of Clinton. Pieces of the original mill stones used for grinding in Prescott's mill are still preserved at Clinton.

In 1657 Prescott was appointed by the Government as a member of a committee to build bridges "at Billirriky and Misticke" and in 1658 he surveyed the Davenport lands, comprising 650 acres, the western part of which included the central part of the village of West Boylston.

In 1659 he built a saw mill above his "corn mill," probably on the location now occupied by the Bigelow Carpet mill.

In 1667 he contracted with the town of Groton to build a corn mill in that town and did so receiving as a bonus 520 acres of land free from taxation for twenty years. The site of this mill is now within the town limits of Harvard about one mile north of the center. He put his son Jonas in charge of this mill and afterward gave him both mill and lands.

Prescott was a soldier and had probably seen service under Cromwell in England.

He had a helmet and a coat of mail which were the terror of the superstitious Indians and many anecdotes of his skill and prowess are related. His block house, although attacked by the Indians when the town was destroyed, was not captured, but in common with all the other inhabitants he was forced to temporarily abandon the town after the massacre and his house was then burned by the Indians.

He returned, however, probably in 1679 and lived there until his death in 1681.

His will, proved in Dec. 1681, counseled his wife and children to "labor and endeavor to preserue love and unitie among themselves and the vpholding of church and Commonwealth." His son John succeeded to his father's business at Lancaster.

Before conveying to his son Jonas the property at Groton (Harvard) Prescott owned upwards of 1200 acres of land situated as follows: In Lancaster about 100 acres extending from Georges Hill to the Nashua River near the old cemetery; in Clinton about 300 acres comprising what is now the central part of Clinton and extending from the B. & M. R. R., to the Nashua River; in Sterling about 300 acres south of and bordering upon the Washacum lakes, and in Groton (Harvard) 520 acres. John Prescott was great grandfather of Col. Wm. Prescott who commanded the American forces at Bunker Hill; and of Capt. John Prescott who commanded a portion of the Massachusetts troops at the seige of Carthagena, South America by the English in 1740 and great-great grandfather of Wm. H. Prescott, the historian.

John Prescott's grave is in the old cemetery near the "Rivers meeting" at Lancaster and a rude stone, bearing his name and the date 1681, marks his last resting place.

On the 250th anniversary of the founding of Lancaster the town erected at his grave a memorial stone bearing the following inscription:

HERE
WITH HIS CHILDREN ABOUT HIM LIES
JOHN PRESCOTT
FOUNDER OF LANCASTER AND FIRST SETTLER
OF WORCESTER COUNTY
BORN AT STANDISH LANCASHIRE ENGLAND
DIED AT LANCASTER MASSACHUSETTS DEC. 1681
INSPIRED BY THE LOVE OF LIBERTY AND THE FEAR OF GOD
THIS STOUT HEARTED PIONEER
FORSAKING THE PLEASANT VALES OF ENGLAND
TOOK UP HIS ABODE IN THE UNBROKEN FOREST
AND ENCOUNTERED WILD BEAST AND SAVAGE
TO SECURE FREEDOM
FOR HIMSELF AND HIS POSTERITY
HIS FAITH AND VIRTUES
HAVE BEEN INHERITED BY MANY DESCENDANTS
WHO IN EVERY GENERATION HAVE WELL SERVED THE STATE
IN WAR, IN LITERATURE, AT THE BAR, IN THE PULPIT, IN PUBLIC LIFE,
AND IN CHRISTIAN HOMES

At the semi-centennial celebration of the organization of the town of Clinton in June 1900 two bronze tablets were erected by the town to mark the sites of John Prescott's house and mill.

They are inscribed as follows:

1654 1900

NEAR THIS SPOT STOOD
THE HOUSE BUILT BY
JOHN PRESCOTT IN 1654
BURNED BY THE INDIANS
IN 1676.

Tablet on Otterson Place, Clinton

1654 1900

THIS TABLET MARKS THE
SITE OF THE FIRST GRIST
MILL IN WORCESTER
COUNTY, BUILT BY
JOHN PRESCOTT IN 1654.

Tablet upon Mill in Water St., Clinton

Of Mary Platts, wife of John Prescott, the Hon. Henry Nourse, historian of Lancaster, says, "Of Prescott's wife we know only her name; but her daughters were sought for in marriage by men of whom we know nothing that is not praiseworthy; and her sons all honored their mother's memory by useful and unblemished lives."

(Life of John Prescott in Military Annals of Lancaster, Page 344)

CHAPTER II

Second Generation And Allied Families

1661-1731

ISAAC [2] WHEELER, son of Richard [1] and Sarah (Prescott) Wheeler, born at Lancaster or Dedham in 1661 married about 1682 or 1683 Experience, daughter of John and Mary (Chickering) Metcalfe of Medfield, Mass. She was born at Medfield, Oct. 16, 1661.

The children of Isaac and Experience were:

(1) Isaac and
(2) Experience } twins, born at Lancaster Nov. 22, 1684. Experience died Nov. 22, and Isaac Nov. 26, 1684

(3) John, born at Lancaster July 24, 1686.

(4) Mary, born at Lancaster probably, married Dec. 14, 1713, Joseph Boyden. Died in Medfield, April 25, 1765.

(5) RICHARD, born at Lancaster or Medfield as early as 1696. Married Sarah——, died in Worcester in 1749.

(6) Experience, born at Lancaster or Medfield, married (1) in 1718 Joseph Clark of Medfield—(1697-1731) and (2) April 18, 1734, Daniel Wedge of Mendon. Died in Medfield in 1774.

(7) ISAAC, born at Medfield, May 14, 1698, married May 8, 1734 Sarah Lawrence of Wrentham. Died at Rutland, Mass., Sept. 22, 1769.

(8) ABRAHAM, born at Medfield Nov. 26, 1700, married Hannah—settled in Worcester and died there Oct. 20, 1780.

Isaac [2] Wheeler died at Medfield Feb. 8, 1730-1 and his wife Experience died Feb. 18, 1730-1.

HISTORY

Isaac [2] Wheeler was about 15 years of age at the time of his father's death and the destruction of Lancaster.

The town was temporarily abandoned and the widow of Richard Wheeler went first to Concord with the survivors of the Massacre and later settled with her children at Dedham. Young Isaac returned to Lancaster perhaps with his grandfather, John Prescott, in 1679.

He married, probably in 1682 or 1683 Experience Metcalfe of Medfield and their first three children were born in Lancaster, (See Lancaster Records) and perhaps two or three others. It may be proper to state here that

Site of Richard Wheeler's Blockhouse, Lancaster, Mass. West of Thayer Station. (1660(?)-1676)

Isaac Wheeler House, Medfield—(1698-1755)

Abraham, Zebediah and Samuel Wheeler, brothers of Isaac, and his sister Mary and Sarah, also returned to Lancaster. Abraham remained until killed by the Indians in 1695, Zebediah settled later in Stowe and Samuel remained until his death in 1691. There is some evidence of another brother, Daniel, who was also in Lancaster, so that it is reasonably certain that all of Richard Wheeler's children then living returned to Lancaster with the other settlers, and as late as 1688, the list of those persons subscribing to or assessed for the fund to build the parsonage at Lancaster, contains the names of the four brothers, Abraham, Isaac, Zebediah and Samuel Wheeler.

As early as 1682, Isaac Wheeler became one of the proprietors of Worcester and upon April 24 of that year, at a meeting of the proprietors he drew lot No. 7 in the "North half of Worcester"—now Holden.

The list of lots drawn at this time was headed as follows:—Isaac Wheeler's name being the ninth upon the list.

"Lotts Drawn for pitches in the North half part of Worcester as they were taken out of Hatt by the Moderator according to vote aforesd to each proprietor is as follows—viz," (Hurd's History of Worcester County, Vol. 2, Page 1381.)

His name also appears upon the list of the proprietors of Worcester in 1686, the amount of his 2nd and 3rd Division lands and meadow lands being nearly 600 acres exclusive of his original lot and 1st Division lands the areas of which are unknown. But it is not probable that he was one of the early settlers of Worcester at this time, as he was a resident of Lancaster in 1688 as before mentioned and his name appears in a list of the "Settlement of Garrison at Lancaster March 18, 1691-2" as a member of the Western Reg't. of Middlesex County. (N. E. Hist. & Gen. Register, Vol. 43, page 371.)

His brother Abraham was also a member of the same regiment and was slain by the Indians one Sabbath morning in Nov. 1695 while going between the fort and his house. The residence of both Abraham and Isaac was probably near the northwest corner of High and Allen streets in Clinton, the sewage pumping station being located on their farm. Three old cellar holes marking the probable location of their buildings have been visible here until within a few years. At sometime between 1692 and 1697 Isaac removed from Lancaster to Medfield, perhaps at the time that he and his brother Abraham sold their portion of their father Richard's lands to Josiah Whitcomb previous to Abraham's death as above noted. It is evident that this removal was previous to Nov. 25, 1697, as upon that date Judge Stoughton of the Probate Court for the County of Suffolk, appointed "Isaac Wheeler of Medfield in Sd County, Housewright" to be guardian of the five children of Michael Metcalfe deceased, these children being the nephews and neices of his wife, Experience (Metcalfe).

(Suffolk Probate Records B11, P373-374).

On Dec. 2, 1700 Isaac and his brother-in-law, Joseph Ellice, both of Medfield, bought of John Bullard three pieces of land in Medfield on the south side of Stop River and one piece on Charles River lying westward of Harbour Island, aggregating twenty-one acres.

(Suffolk Registry of Deeds B42, P. 292).

In March 1702, "The Black Swamp," then in Medfield but now in Medway, was laid out and Isaac Wheeler received for his share lot No. 54 containing 8 or 10 acres as appears from deeds and other documents on record. (History of Medway, page 40).

Isaac was by trade a carpenter or housewright but was also interested in a grist-mill at Rockville on the Charles River with his brother-in-law Joseph Metcalfe and Benjamin and Edward Clark, each owning one fourth of the property. This was the oldest mill in that part of the province, it having been built by John Metcalfe and his associates to whom the town of Medfield voted a bonus for this purpose in 1680.

On Jan. 10, 1705-6 Isaac and his associates sold this mill and the lands connected with it, extending along both banks of the river and lying partly in Medfield and partly in Wrentham, to John Whiting of Wrentham.
(Suffolk Registry of Deeds B 22 Page 532).

On March 20, 1708, Isaac bought of John Turner the house and lot on the south east corner of South and Philip streets in Medfield and also one half interest in a barn and three acres of land opposite the house on South St. The description in this deed included not only the land and buildings but "All the orchards, gardens fences Walls Stones herbidge & fruits Effects profits & Improvements thereof and arising & that may Arise & be produced & procured in by and upon the same Togather with all the Rights Liberties Privelidges & Appur^{ces} thereof & any way belonging or any way appertaining." (Suffolk Registry of deeds B42 Page 238.)

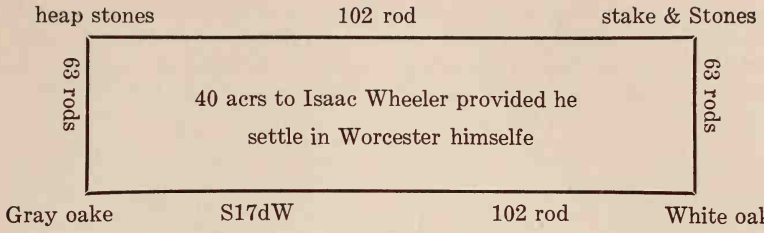
On Dec. 23, 1720, he bought of the Turner heirs the remainder of the Turner estate north of Curve St. and west of South St.; this deed including "All the wood underwood fences grass Rocks Stones & herbidge in and upon the same together with all the fruits Effects rights Titles liberties Privelidges profits & Improvements of the same with all the Appurt^{ces} & hereditaments to the same or anyway belonging or any way appertaining." (Suffolk Registry of Deeds B42 P. 239).

Isaac Wheeler was one of the selectmen of Medfield in 1713, the year in which the town of Medway was set off from Medfield.

It has already been mentioned that Isaac Wheeler was one of the first proprietors of Worcester. Upon the resettlement of that place in 1713 the committee of the General Court for Worcester voted to Isaac Wheeler of Medfield 40 acres of land in Worcester upon condition that he move to that place and build a house. The offer was accepted and Isaac moved to Worcester in 1714, as is shown by the following certificate upon the proprietors records.

"Dec. 20, 1714. By the order of the Comitte for Worcester laid out to Isaac Wheeler Senr of Medfield four Ten acre Lotts for a house Lott bounded S. W. by pine meadow, every way else by comon and undivided land lying between pine meadow and rocky hill eastward of Rattle Snake den as signified in y^{e} plot with all right in common belonging to a 40 acre Lott provided he settle there for wch he has complyed with the courts order.

D. Haynes Surv^{r}



(Rice's Proprietors Records of Worcester P83).

On Oct. 18, 1716, a division of meadow lands in Worcester was drawn by lot and Isaac drew lot No. 1, consisting of four acres in pine meadow southwest from and adjoining his home lot.

His second Division land was laid out in two parts as will be seen by the following certificate.

"Worcester nov^{r} 26, 1718, by order of the Hon^{r} Comitte & pursuant to a grant laid out to Isaac Wheeler, his heirs and assigns forever fivety five acres (without allowance) part of his 2d division in Worcester, in 2 parts viz Eighteen acres 46 Rod on ye south of his house bounded every way else a highway marks as signified. Also Thirty-four acres 120 Rod on ye nt & nt Easterly side of his house Lott joyning to mill stone hill near Bladder pond, South in pt by sd Wheeler house and Thomas Bineys house Lott every way else by mill stone hill and comon only touching Mr. Oltons land at ye n west corner as signified in ye plot Surveyed by D. Haynes."

(Rice's Worcester Proprietors Records Page 108).

In 1721 Isaac Wheeler's third division land was laid out to him in two parts as follows:

"Worcester Janur 3d 1721 by virtue of a Grant of ye Hond Comitte I have laid out to John Hubbard Seventy five acres of land on & joyning to Tatnuck hill bounded wt by Worcester pretended lines, north by land laid out to Isaac White (Wheeler) Easterly by land of colonel Winthrop in part and by land in possession of Hary Lee-Southerly by common land—also at the same time and adjoyning to the said land, laid out to Isac Wheeler Seventy six acres of land bounded westerly by Worcester pretended line north by the dividing line; East by land laid out to Mr Starnes, south by Sd Hubbards land as it is signified in these platts; also Janur 3d 1720 (1721) laid out to Isaac Wheeler Twenty seven acres of land on and joyning to pine meadow hill on the St side of pine meadow, bounded Easterly by land of Mr fflagg and Gershom Rice and partly South every way else by his own land & Mr Gouldings land and are in full of Sd Wheeler's third division in Woster."

Surveyed by D. Haynes.

(Rice's Worcester Proprietors Record Page 208).

Isaac Wheeler's house lot with the above additions, 126 acres in all comprised the land lying north east, east and south of pine meadow and across it Adams, Belmont, Putnam, Shrewsbury, and other streets are now located, as well as the Boston & Albany and Worcester & Shrewsbury Railroads.

The first part of his third division lands comprising 76 acres was located in the exact northwest corner of Worcester joining Holden on the north and Paxton on the west, the "dividing line" referred to being the present line between Worcester and Holden and the "Worcester pretended line" that between Worcester and Paxton.

Isaac Wheeler returned to Medfield sometime previous to 1722, as appears from the fact that on Jan. 10, 1722 Isaac Wheeler of Medfield deeded to his son Richard his farm near pine meadow in Worcester, the consideration being, "the fatherly love and affection which I have and do bear to my well beloved Son Richard Wheeler of Worcester."

(Middlesex Registry of Deeds B 25 page 378).

Richard Wheeler sold 100 acres of the above farm May 2, 1729 to Gershom Keyes for £250.

On May 29, 1724, Isaac Wheeler bought of Palmer Goulding one acre of land in Worcester and in the same year a first division of land was laid out by the Proprietors of the north part of Worcester (now Holden) and the following certificate describes Isaac Wheeler's share.

"Worcester November 2^{d} 1724, Perfuant to a vote of the Proprietors of the lands in the north part of Worcester Laid out to Isaac Wheeler of Medfield his heirs and assigns forever Sixty acrs of land of the first division in the north part of Worcester with one acre in thirty allowance for Swagg of Chain Said land was laid out on the original Right of said Wheeler and lyeth adjoyning to the Dividing line near the lime land and is bounded southerly by said Dividing line Easterly by highway partly by Comon every way else by common as signified in the Platt. Surveyed by Benj^{a}. Flagg Sur^{v}."

(Records of Proprietors of north half of Worcester page 37).

This lot which was numbered 7, is situated on the highway between the "Summit" in Worcester and Chaffinville in Holden abutting upon the Worcester line and was given with other lands by Isaac Wheeler in his will to his son Abraham.

Isaac also owned four acres in the "Malden Meadows" in Holden and sold it to Jonas Clark of Boston Dec. 28, 1725.

(Middlesex Registry of Deeds, B25-P378).

On June 14, 1732 there was set off to the right of Issac Wheeler, then owned by his son Richard, lot No. 6 in the division of Cedar Swamp in the "South half of Worcester." The records show that at the time of his return to Medfield Isaac owned about two hundred acres of land in Worcester and in addition to this there were due him about 100 acres on the second and third divisions in 1719 the rights to which were sold by his son Richard to John Hubbard and Jonathan Waldo.

(Worcester Registry of Deeds, Book 1 Page 18 and Book 2 page 407).

He also owned considerable land in Holden.

After his return from Worcester and until his death in 1731 he resided upon his Medfield estate which he had retained during his residence in Worcester. In his will dated Dec. 1, 1725 he left to his son Richard "all lands and Housing already deeded him in Worcester";—to his son Isaac "all my Housing and lands lying in the Township of Medfield"; to his son Abraham "all land and rights of lands remaining to me in Worcester:" and to his daughters Mary Boyden and Experience Clark £5. each. (Suffolk Probate Records Vol 28 page 452). The person who wrote this will spelled the name Wheelar and in the record to which reference is made above the copy of the signature is also Wheelar but the original will, also on file in the same office, bears the autograph of Isaac Wheeler.

Both Isaac and his wife, Experience, were members of the First Church in Medfield.

The exact location of their burial place in Medfield is unknown.

EXPERIENCE [3] METCALFE, wife of Isaac [2] Wheeler was the daughter of John [2] Metcalfe of Medfield and grand daughter of Michael [1] Metcalfe of Dedham. She was born at Medfield Oct. 16, 1661.

The genealogy of her family is as follows:

MICHAEL [1] METCALFE, son of Rev. Leonard Metcalfe, born in Tatterford, Norfolk Co England in 1586 married in England Oct. 13, 1616, Sara Ellwin who died at Dedham, Mass., Nov. 30 1644 and [2] Mrs. Mary Pidge.

He died in Dedham Dec. 27, 1664.

The children of Michael and Sara were:

(1) Michael, born at St. Benedicts, Norwich, England, Nov. 13, 1617, died young in England.

(2) Mary, born at St. Benedicts, Norwich, England, Oct. 14, 1618, married Nov. 24, 1642, Henry Wilson.

(3) Michael, born at St. Benedicts, Norwich, England, Aug. 29, 1620, married April 2, 1644 Mary Fairbanks, died in Dedham, Dec. 24, 1654.

(4) JOHN, born at St. Benedicts, Norwich, England, Sept. 5 (or 15) 1622 married March 22, 1647, Mary Chickering.

(5) Sarah, born at St. Benedicts, Norwich, England, Sept. 10, 1624 married in 1646 Robert Onion. Died at Dedham, May 22, 1676.

(6) Elizabeth, born at St. Benedicts, Norwich, England, Oct. 14, 1626, married Sept. 15, 1648 Thomas Bancroft of Reading.

(7) Martha, born at St. Benedicts, Norwich, England, March 27, 1628, married (1) William Bagnall, (2) Aug. 2, 1654, Christopher Smith and (3)——Stowe.

(8) Thomas, born at St. Edmonsbury, England, Dec. 27, 1629, married (1) Sept. 12, 1655 Sarah——and (2) Dec. 2, 1679 Anne Paine.

(9) Ann, born at St. Edmonsbury, England, March 1, 1631, died young in England.

(10) Jane, born at St. Edmonsbury, England Mar. 24, 1632, married Samuel Walker of Rehoboth, Mass.

(11) Rebeka, born at St. Edmonsbury, England, April 5, 1635, married April 5, 1659 John Mackintosh of Dedham.

HISTORY

Michael [1] Metcalfe, the grandfather of Experience (Metcalfe) Wheeler was born in Tatterford, County of Norfolk, England in 1586. His father was Rev. Leonard Metcalfe, rector of Tatterford, born in 1545.

Michael was a Dornick weaver and worked at his trade in the city of Norwich in the same county, in which city he was made freeman June 18, 1618.

"Dornick is a kind of stuff used in curtains, carpets and hangings, so called from Doornick or Tournay, a city in Flanders where it was first made."
(Phillips Dict. London 1706)

That he was a man of more than ordinary ability and character is shown from the fact that he was presented with the freedom of Norwich in Sept. 1618. A facsimilie of this document in Latin may be found in the Dedham Historical Register, Vol. 3.

He was a nonconformist and for this he suffered bitter persecution from Bishop Wren of the See of Norwich and was forced at last to flee from his native land. He left his home and family for New England but the ship upon which he sailed from London was driven back to England by a storm. The following extracts are from a letter written by him Jan. 13, 1636-7 and addressed "To all the true professors of Christ's gospel within the city of Norwich."

"I was persecuted in the land of my fathers sepulchures for not bowing at the name of Jesus and observing other customs in religion forced upon me at the instance of Bishop Wren of Norwich and his chancellor Dr. Corbet whose violent measures troubled me in the Bishop's Court and returned me to the High Commissioners Court, suffering many times for the cause of religion I was forced for the sake of the liberty of my conscience to flee from my wife and children to go into New England; taking ship for the voyage at London the 17th of Sept. 1636; being by tempests tossed up and down the seas till the Christmas following: then veering about to Plymouth in Old England; in which time I met with many sore afflictions."

In a postcript he adds—"My enemies conspired against me to take away my life and sometimes to avoid their hands my wife did hide me in the roof of the house covering me with straw."

History records that one of the accusations brought against the Bishop Wren referred to in the above letter was that during the two years and four months that he held the See of Norwich three thousand of his Majesty's subjects "transported themselves into Holland and other parts beyond the seas" in consequence of his "superstition and tyranny"— The storm which drove Metcalfe's ship back to England proved to have been a blessing in disguise, however, for it enabled him upon his next attempt to take his family with him, probably with the consent of the authorities and he left Yarmouth, England on the ship "Rose" April 15, 1637 landing in New England according to his own description "Three days before midsummer with my wife, nine children and a servant."

He settled at once in Dedham being "admitted townsman" July 18, 1637 after signing the "town covenant" and from this time until his death was prominent in town affairs. He was admitted a member of the Dedham church in 1639, as appears from the following extract from the church records, "Michael Metcalfe ye elder was received into ye church with good satisfaction ye 24 of ye 6 month 1639."

In 1638 he was elected by the town as the head of a committee "Choesen to contriue the Frabicke of a Meeting house to be in length 36 Foote & 20 foote in bredth & between the vpp & nether sell in ye studds 12: foote the same to be girte" etc, etc.

He was made freeman May 13, 1640, was selectman in 1640 and 1641 and occupied other town offices.

On Aug. 21, 1639 he bought of John Rogers three acres of land on Charles River. On June 23, 1640 the town voted: "Graunted y^t^ Michael Metcalfe maye have y^t^ p^te^ of swampe y^t^ lyeth next vnto y^t^ lott he purchased of John Morse", and on Oct. 8, 1644, voted—"Granted vnto Michael Metcalfe senio^r^, one acre of land vpon the North end of Wigwam playne."

He taught school in Dedham for several years and there are a munber of records made in the town book concerning the agreement made by the town with him.

These records are in quaint language with peculiar spelling as the following samples will show.

Under the date of Jan. 5, 1656-7 the following vote appears upon the Dedham records. "The towne by vote guie a call to Mich Metcalfe to keepe Schoole in our town & leave it to the next Select men to agree with him therein." In accordance with this vote, the selectmen made an agreement with Metcalfe who was then 70 years old, for £20 sterling per year one half to be paid in wheat and the other half in other grains. Similar votes were passed by the town and similar agreements made by the selectmen for several years. Upon the selectmen's records under date of Feb. 12, 1658-9 is the following.

"vpon treatye wth Michael Metcalfe about Keeping the Schoole one year more his answer being that at p^r^sent he was not ripe to giue answer it is therefore agreed that he shall keepe Schoole until this day month according to the last years agreem^t^ & against that time we shall come to farther treatie."

The last recorded agreement between the selectmen and Metcalfe was made under date of July 24, 1661 and is as follows. "Agreed with Michael Metcalfe to Keepe the school so long as god shall in able him for sauen shilinges; eight penc a weke the schoole to be Keept in the parlor of the dweling house some times Francis Chickeringes deceased; to teach the malle children that shall be sent to him by the inhabitants the sayd Michael do ingage to teach them to Reade; and to wright english as they shall be capable; in consideration wheare of we the selectmen do ingage and promise to pay unto the say Michaell his exceters or assignes at the ende of the quarter for so longe a time as he Keepe schoole; seauen shilinges eight penc a weeke; viz: halfe in wheat at the price the biscat bakers take it when it is dev and the other halfe in rye or endin corn; at the price it pas: curant from man to man; and all good and marchantable corne to be delivered at his dwelling house: more over that woode: for the fire belayed in at the school house a hachet and bellows to be provided all so it is our liberty when we please to put in hoome we think good to keepe the schoole and we graunt the like librty to the sayd Michael to leaue of the schoole; at anytime when he shall se cause; not with standing; anything expressed; in eyther of thes covenants above sayd shall not hinder the sayd Michael in his just librty or absence: from schoole: vpon speciall ochasions: or providences that may be fall and that no advantage shall be taken so as to detayne any part of his wages for sometimes: being nessesarly takin of from the schoole provided: if it shall be aboue a weekes time: it shall then be discounted: otherwise not: the schoole to begin the first of the sixth mo 1661 provided that the inhabitanc take no children from other Townes; to put them to schoole if any do so thay shall agree with the school master."

It would seem that by this agreement Metcalfe's commission was somewhat elastic and indefinite and that while he might "leave off" the school at any time he desired, the selectmen could also dispense with his services at any time they saw fit. Metcalfe was 75 years old at this time—a fact which probably accounts for some things in the agreement.

In 1663 he was appointed one of the committee of the town to petition the General Court upon the matter of the disputed lands at Natick which resulted in the passage of a bill giving 8,000 acres of land at Pocumtuck (now Deerfield) to the town of Dedham upon condition that the town waive all rights to the lands at Natick which had been occupied by the Apostle Eliot and his Indians.

He died at Dedham Dec. 27, 1664 leaving a will which is on record at the Suffolk Probate office.

SARA [1] ELLWIN wife of Michael [1] Metcalfe was born in Heigham, St. Bartholomew a suburb of Norwich, England, where she was baptised June 17, 1593. She was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (——) Ellwin, her father born in 1566, being the son of Wm. Ellwin. She died at Dedham Nov. 30, 1644 aged 51.

1622—1690

JOHN [2] METCALFE, son of Michael [1] and Sara (Ellwin) Metcalfe, born at St. Benedicts, Norwich, England, Sept. 5 (or 15) 1622, married at Dedham, Mass. March 22, 1647 Mary Chickering.

The children of John and Mary were:

(1) John born at Dedham, March 21, 1648, married Dec. 21, 1676 Mary Bowers.

(2) Michael, born at Dedham Sept. 20, 1650, married Dec. 21, 1676 Elizabeth Bowers, died at Medfield Dec. 9, 1691.

(3) Elizabeth, born at Dedham——married 1695 or 1696 Joseph Ellice, died at Medfield Nov. 27, 1735.

(4) Joseph, born at Medfield Nov. 22, 1658, married Jan. 21, 1685-6 Sarah Bowers.

(5) EXPERIENCE, born at Medfield, Oct. 16, 1661, married,probably in 1683, Isaac Wheeler, died in Medfield Feb. 18, 1730-1.

(6) Hannah, born at Medfield Oct. 13, 1664, married May 3, 1683 Elisha Bullen, died at Medfield Dec. 20, 1719.

(7) Mary, born at Medfield June 2, 1668, married Oct. 26, 1687 Eleazor Ellice, died at Medfield Feb. 17 or 18, 1726-7.

John [2] Metcalfe died at Medfield Oct. 8, 1690 and his wife Mary died March 15, 1697-8.

HISTORY

John [2] Metcalfe came from England in the ship "Rose" with his father, when a lad of 15.

He was admitted to the church in 1643, made freeman in 1647 and lived in Dedham until 1652 when, with his wife and three children, he removed to Medfield.

His father died in 1664 and by his will left to his son John "One ffeather bed & Bolster, my second Book of Martyrs, Mr. Perkins second Book, Luther on the gala, one silver spoone, one pair of sheets, one long chest in the upper chamber, one Diaper Broadcloth."

He was selectman in Medfield six years and Commissioner in 1682.

A peculiar circumstance in his family was the marriage of his three sons to three sisters by the name of Bowers, two of these marriages taking place the same day in 1676. About 1680 the town of Medfield voted a bonus for the erection of a grist mill upon the Charles River and a dam and mill were built by several associates of whom John Metcalfe was the first. This mill was upon the Charles river at Rockville in the town of Millis and was the first mill upon that portion of the river. It was burned by an Indian prior to 1685, but rebuilt, and the Indian was prosecuted for his crime.

(History of Medway)

Isaac Wheeler, son-in-law of John Metcalfe, was afterward part owner of this property.

John [2] Metcalfe died at Medfield Oct. 8, 1690.

MARY [2] CHICKERING wife of John [2] Metcalfe was the daughter of Francis and Ann (Fiske) Chickering and was born in England.

Her father Francis with his brothers Henry and Simeon were the sons of Stephen Chickering of Wicklewood, England, who died in 1576, and was descended from Thomas Chickering who lived in Wymondshire in the reign of Henry VIII (1509 to 1547). (Dedham Historical Record Vol 3 P 117).

Francis Chickering came to this country probably in 1637 with his wife Ann and their two daughters Ann and Mary, settling at Dedham.

He was made freeman in 1640 and was many times selectman as well as representative in 1643 and 1644. He was also Ensign of the Militia company.

He died at Dedham in Oct. 1658.

His wife Ann died Dec. 5, 1649.

1659-1695

ABRAHAM [2] WHEELER, son of Richard [1] and Sarah (Prescott) Wheeler, born at Dedham Dec. 7, 1659, married about 1682 or 1683 Tabitha ———.

The children of Abraham and Tabitha were:

(1) Abigail born at Lancaster, March 2, 1683-4, married Feb. 8, 1703-4 Dea Daniel Stone of Framingham, died Oct. 28, 1711.

(2) Jonathan

(3) Samuel

(4) ———— daughter.

HISTORY

Abraham [2] Wheeler was between 16 and 17 years of age at the time of his father's death and the destruction of Lancaster. He accompanied his mother to Concord when the town was abandoned and afterward to Dedham. Later he returned to Lancaster where he remained uutil his death. He was a member of the "Western Regiment of Middlesex County", his name appearing on the rolls as late as March 18, 1691-2.

(N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register Vol. 43 Page 371)

History says that Abraham was shot by an Indian one Sabbath morning in Nov. 1695 while going between the fort and his house. Although mortally wounded he succeeded in wresting the gun from the Indian and ran with it toward the fort until he was met by a party who went out to his relief.

At the same time his wife, Tabitha, was taken prisoner by the Indians.

1665-1729

ZEBEDIAH [2] WHEELER, son of Richard [1] and Sarah (Prescott) Wheeler, born at Lancaster Jan. 2, 1664-5 married Mary ———.

The children of Zebediah and Mary were:

(1) Joseph, born at Concord Oct. 4, 1696.

(2) Mary, born at Concord Feb. 5, 1698-9, perhaps married Joseph Bush of Marleboro, Mass. (Intentions Oct. 27, 1728).

(3) Sarah, married Feb. 1, 1721-2 John Wallis of Townsend, Mass.

(4) William, died at Stow, May 16, 1729.

(5) Zebediah, born July 27, 1700 married Sarah Barnard of Marlboro (Intentions Mar. 29, 1729), lived at Stow; removed to Western (now Warren, Mass.) after 1747, died at Saratoga, N. Y. Nov. 21, 1760. (See Warren Records).

HISTORY

Zebediah [2] Wheeler was twelve years old at the time of his father's death and was taken to Concord with the remainder of the family when Lancaster was abandoned after the massacre and later to Dedham where they settled temporarily.

He returned to Lancaster with his brothers however and was a land owner there in 1692. He removed to Concord and the births of two of his children are recorded there in 1696 and 1699. Subsequently he removed to Stow where he resided until his death which occurred on Dec. 16, 1729.

A stone in the cemetery at the "old common" marks his resting place.

His wife Mary died Sept. 26, 1728.

CHAPTER III

THIRD GENERATION and ALLIED FAMILIES
1698-1769

ISAAC [3] WHEELER, (Isaac [2] Richard [1]), son of Isaac [2] and Experience (Metcalfe) Wheeler, born at Medfield, Mass. May 14, 1698, married at Wrentham, Mass. May 8, 1734 Sarah Lawrence, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Partridge) Lawrence. She was born at Wrentham, May 30, 1709.

The children of Isaac and Sarah, all born in Medfield, were;

(1) Sergt. ISAAC born March 24, 1734-5, married at Rutland, Mass. March 14, 1765 Elizabeth Stone.

(2) Sarah, born July 16, 1738, married July 1772 Col. John Watson. Died at Princeton May 31, 1799 aged 61.

(3) Mercy, born Sept. 26, 1740, married Nov. 17, 1765 Capt. Adam Wheeler of Hubbardston. He died Aug. 24, 1802 and she died July 10,1808.

(4) Rhoda, born April 1, 1744, married Nov. 25, 1788 Nathan Clark of Barre, Mass.

(5) ABRAHAM, born May 12, 1746 married (1) Aug. 22, 1770 Jemima Walker of Rutland and (2) in 1803, Catee Munroe of Hubbardston. Died July 20, 1817.

(6) Jacob, born Feb. 28, 1748-9, Unmarried. Died at Rutland May 30, 1775. Reed's History of Rutland says "Believed to be pious."

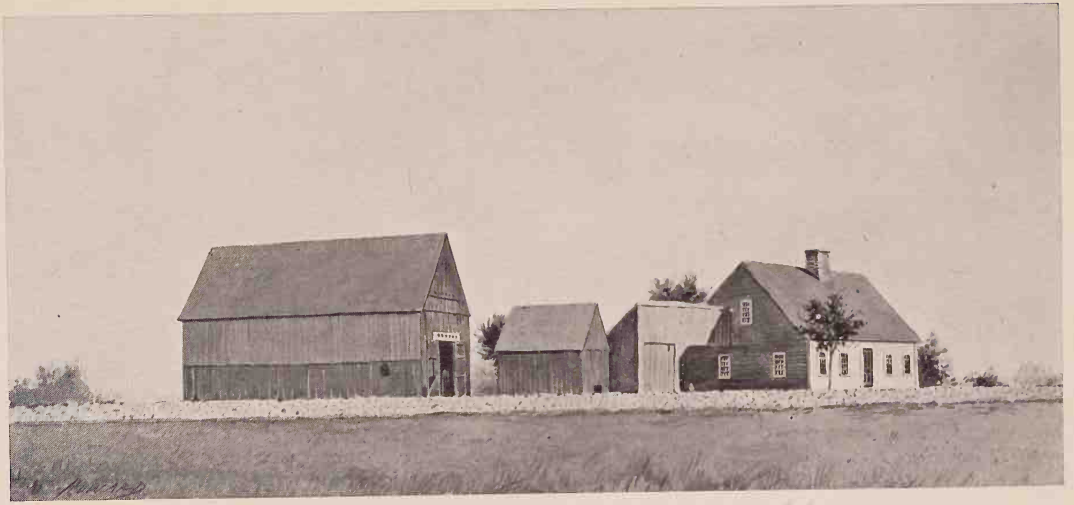
(7) Ede, born March 9, 1750. Died at Medfield June 12, 1755.

Isaac [3] Wheeler died at Rutland Sept. 22, 1769 aged 71.

HISTORY

Isaac [3] Wheeler succeeded to his father's estate in Medfield and vicinity upon the death of the latter in 1731. He was a farmer and lived in the house formerly occupied by his father at the corner of South and Philip Streets.

After the death of Joseph Clark Jr. the husband of his sister Experience, in 1731, Isaac was appointed guardian of a part at least and probably of all the Clark children. The petition of the older children to the Probate Judge sets forth that they desire the appointment of "our loving unkle Isaac Wheeler" as their guardian. (Suffolk Co. Probate Records B30. P.352.)



WHEELER HOUSE, RUTLAND (1756-1846)

Isaac's name appears as a signer of an agreement dated Oct. 13, 1732 made by the heirs of Capt. Joseph Clark Sr. disposing of lands in New Medfield (now Sturbridge), Mass., he representing evidently the above named children of Joseph Clark Jr. (Worcester Registry of Deeds B4 Page 245).

He married in 1734 Sarah, the daughter of Ebenezer Lawrence of Wrentham, Mass.

In addition to the estate at Medfield which included the meadows in Medway, Isaac also owned some real estate in Dedham which had descended to him from his grandfather Richard [1] and his father Isaac [2] and on Nov. 19, 1751 he deeded to Joseph Metcalfe of Dedham "all my rights in the original Proprietary of Dedham being the whole share that was my father Isaac Wheeler son and heir to Richard Wheeler who had 8 cow common rights in the Original rights in said proprietary." (Suffolk Registry of Deeds B83 P. 89).

According to the records it would seem that Joseph Metcalfe was buying up other rights and lands in Dedham. He was a relative of Isaac Wheeler whose mother was a Metcalfe.

On April 25, 1755 Isaac sold his farm and buildings in Medfield to Seth Clark, (Norfolk Registry of Deeds B22. P11) and removed with his family to Rutland, Mass., settling at first in that portion of the town called "Princetown District" this being the part of Rutland afterward set off to Princeton upon the incorporation of that town in 1759.

The inquiry naturally arises—Why did Isaac [3] Wheeler sell his interests in Medfield and settle in a town so far removed from his former home? In the case of Richard Wheeler it was but natural that he should leave Dedham and settle in Lancaster his wife's former home, and it was also natural that Isaac [2] when removing from Lancaster should choose Medfield the former home of his wife, but no such reason existed for the removal to Rutland.

However Worcester County was not a terra incognita to Isaac Wheeler before his removal as might be supposed at first.

Several years of his boyhood had been spent in Worcester with his father who had extensive lands there and where his brother Abraham still lived, and his brother Richard had lived until his death in 1749.

His nephew Isaac, the son of Richard lived in Holden where he had a blacksmith shop, while another nephew, Moses, also the son of Richard, had property in Holden although living in Westboro.

His cousin Zebediah [3] Wheeler [Zebediah [2] Richard [1]] was at this time living in Western (now Warren).

His brother-in-law John Bacon was a resident of Brookfield and he had a number of cousins in Lancaster and vicinity. Rev. Joseph Buckminster, then minister at Rutland was also related to the wife of Isaac Wheeler.

Rutland at this time was relatively of much more importance than now and gave promise of being one of the most important towns in the county.

Occupying a commanding site upon the dividing ridge between the Connecticut River and the Atlantic Ocean, the central town of both county and state, it had been laid out upon a liberal scale, its main street being ten rods in width, and its high elevation, 1200 feet above the sea gave assurance of a healthful climate.

No doubt Isaac [3] had visited in and travelled over Worcester County in his early days, and what more natural than that he should locate here in the vicinity of his nearest relatives, in a town the future of which appeared to be as promising at least as any in the county.

The first record of land bought by Isaac Wheeler in Rutland is a deed of the Eveleth place which he bought at an auction sale Sept. 6, 1756, although he had bargained for other land in the preceding April. The Eveleth farm contained 86 acres and was situated in "Princetown District" now Princeton near the Rutland line, it being the place lately known as the Benjamin Holden farm. The price paid was £66-13s.

In this deed Isaac is described as "late of Medfield but now of said Rutland."

In April 1756 he bought of Jonathan Wheeler of Bolton, a descendant of Obadiah Wheeler of Concord, a tract of land in the easterly part of Rutland near Lake Muschopauge this being the farm now in the possession of his descendants of the fifth generation. The deed of this farm was not given until Oct. 1, 1761 and the consideration was "£346-19s lawful money." It is described as "Lying in the first settled part of the town" and it contained 188½ acres including the highway through it. (Wor Registry of Deeds B48 Page 174).

This farm comprises lot No. 20, granted to Lieut David Melvin and also the first division of 150 acres of upland granted to Lieut. Melvin on the right of Mark Perkins April 3, 1729. (Rutland Proprietors Records).

Lot No. 20 comprised the land now owned by the heirs of Mrs. Abbie A. Peterson and a portion of the land now belonging to the Wheeler farm.

It will be noticed that there is a discrepancy between the time of settlement and the date of the deed from Jonathan Wheeler.

This date of settlement has been handed down in the family. The author has been told the story of the removal many times beginning in his boyhood days, not only by his father but by his grandfather who was born 28 years after the settlement and whose father was one of the principals in the transaction.

According to this history or tradition it is stated that the family left Medfield in 1755 (as stated in Tilden's History of Medfield):- that they lived in the Princetown District at first:- that they settled upon the present Wheeler farm in Rutland in April 1756:- that at the time of the settlement the only evidence of an attempt to clear the land was that a few trees had been "girdled" on Meadow Hill so called:- that Isaac [4] was 21 years of age at the time, and that Jonathan Wheeler from whom the farm was bought was not a relative. In a record book dated 1841, owned and kept by Daniel R. Wheeler, is the following memorandum in the handwriting of the owner—"Grandfather Wheeler with his father bought of Jonathan Wheeler and moved to Rutland in April 1756, on the farm we now live on June 1859."

Therefore, unless we discard the whole story of the family as told by one who could remember back to within 30 or 35 years of the occurrence, we must conclude that the purchase and settlement were made in 1756, and that for some reason the deed was not made out and delivered until some time after possession was given.

The facts appear to be these—Isaac [4] Wheeler eldest son of Isaac [3], being 21 years of age settled upon the Rutland farm in April 1756, while his father remained a resident of the "Princetown District" until he sold the Everleth farm in 1761. During this time both men were engaged together in carrying on both places. This is confirmed by the Princeton records which show that Isaac [3] was a voter there until 1761 and also that Isaac [4] was a "non voter"—that is a non resident.

At the time of the purchase, the Rutland farm, with the probable exception of the meadows, was covered with timber. The Indians may have set fires from year to year for the purpose of destroying the under brush as was the case in the eastern part of the state, but this is not probable as Rutland was not the actual residence of any tribe.

No clearing had been made and no improvements begun upon the farm save that a few trees on Meadow Hill had been "girdled". Wild beasts roamed the forest as is proved by the existence of a "wolf pit" at the north west corner of the farm where these beasts were trapped. This pit, now nearly filled, is still plainly to be seen.

The work of clearing the tillage land of trees, stumps and stones and the pasture lands of timber must have been long and arduous. The many stone walls now in use as fences and other walls and foundations still existing but not now in use bear witness today to the great amount of work performed in clearing the land of the numerous boulders upon the surface.

Add to this the labor of building a house, barn and out buildings, and all this without the aid of machinery or modern appliances and we can have some conception of the amount of work that confronted Isaac Wheeler and his sons when they first settled at Rutland.

The early settlers of Rutland and the hardships they endured are thus described in Reed's History of Rutland. "They were persons of courage, enterprise, and sentiment, possessing something of the spirit of the Pilgrims; left their native town or country, and bid farewell to friends, acquaintances,—a father's house,—a pleasant home, to settle in a howling wilderness, exposed day and night whether in the hut or field to the wily and cruel Indian,—the lurking and ravenous bear or wolf. 'A howling wilderness it was, where no man dwelt,—the hideous yells of wolves, the shrieks of owls, the gobbling of turkeys and the barking of foxes was all the music we enjoyed,—no friends to visit, no soul in the surrounding towns—all a dreary waste and exposed to a thousand difficulties'."

On Sept. 21, 1761 Isaac sold the Everleth farm in Princeton to William Eaton of Dedham for £280. and thereafter made his home on the Rutland farm. On April 16, 1762 he sold to David Rice about 29 acres of his original Rutland purchase comprising the south eastern corner of the farm and including all of it that laid south east of the highway from Rutland to

Princeton and now owned by the heirs of M. M. Smith, together with a portion lying north of the highway and south of Harwoods brook. (Worcester Registry of Deeds, B51 P.438).

Isaac also owned a farm in Hubbardston, this being "Lot No. 29 in the north east quarter of Rutland"—as Hubbardston was then called—it contained 127 acres and 17 rods as shown upon a "Plan of Isaac Wheelers Farm" made by Daniel Clap Surveyor dated at "Rutland Sept 20th, 1766." This farm was situated east of Hubbardston Center and is now mostly covered by water in the mill pond. It laid upon both sides of the stream which is a branch of the Ware River.

Isaac sold or gave this farm to his son Abraham who on Oct. 18, 1768 deeded it to his brother-in-law Adam Wheeler. (Wor. Registry of Deeds B60 P.186).

Isaac was a man of decided opinions which he was not afraid to express even to those in higher stations than he himself occupied. In the later years of his life he was one day discussing with Rev. Joseph Buckminster, then minister at Rutland, some doctrinal point upon which they did not agree, and Mr. Buckminster, perhaps considering that his words were not treated with due respect, observed that perhaps he did not consider with whom he was talking. Isaac promptly replied, "Yes I do, it is to a poor worm of the dust like myself." Mr. Buckminster softened and said, "Ah! ah! it is true—I know it—I know it."

(Reed's History of Rutland page 100).

Writing of Isaac [3] Wheeler and his sons, the historian of Rutland says "Messrs Wheeler were for many years active and useful members of society."

Both Isaac and Sarah his wife were members of the first church in Medfield as early as 1731, and were also members of the first church in Rutland after their removal to that town.

Isaac died Sept. 22, 1769 aged 71, and was buried in the old cemetery at Rutland center where his headstone may still be seen. His wife Sarah survived him, but the date of her death is unknown.

SARAH [4] LAWRENCE, wife of Isaac [3] Wheeler was the daughter of Ebenezer Lawrence and was born at Wrentham May 30, 1709.

It is claimed that she was a descendant of Sir Robert Lawrens of Ashton Hall, Lancashire, England, who went with Richard Cour de Lion to Palestine on a crusade and distinguished himself in the memorable seige of Acre in 1191, being the first man to plant the banner of the cross upon the battlements of that town, for which service he received the honors of knighthood from King Richard.

"After the family of Lawrens became emminent in England they were allied to great and powerful houses—to the ambitious Dudley, Duke of Northumberland,—to the Earl of Warwick—to Lord Guilford Dudley who expiated on the scaffold the short lived royalty of Lady Jane Grey,—to the brilliant Leicester who set two queens at variance and to Sir Philip Sidney who refused a throne."

The name Lawrence is derived from the Latin Laurus—Laurentius—and means "flourishing as a Bay Tree."

Sarah Lawrence was also descended from the Washington family, one of her ancestors being the only daughter and heir of John de Washington, who married in 1252 James Lawrence of Ashton Hall. Sarah Lawrence Wheeler was living at the time of her husband's death in 1769 and with her children signed the deed conveying the homestead at Rutland to her son Isaac. There appears to be no record of her death. The genealogy of her family is as follows.

Note. That portion of this record that relates to the family in England, has been copied from "The Genealogy ot the family of John Lawrence" written by John Lawrence and published in 1857.

It is but fair to state that this has been said by some to be unreliable, but it is given here for what it may be worth.

XVI. SIR ROBERT LAWRENCE, born in England about 1150 had arms conferred upon him by Richard Cour de Lion for his bravery in scaling the walls of Acre in 1191.

His son was:

XV. SIR ROBERT LAWRENCE of Ashton Hall in Lancashire married———Trafford of Lancashire.

Their son was:

XIV. JAMES LAWRENCE of Ashton Hall, married in 1252 Matilda, only daughter and heir of John de Washington.

Their son was:

XIII. JOHN LAWRENCE of Ashton Hall, married Margaret, daughter of Walter Chesford.

Their son was:

XII. JOHN LAWRENCE of Ashton Hall, married Elizabeth Holt of Stabley in Lancashire. Died in 1360.

Their son was:

XI. SIR ROBERT LAWRENCE of Ashton Hall, married Margaret Holden of Lancashire.

Their children were:

(1) SIR ROBERT LAWRENCE of Ashton Hall, married Amphilbus Longford.

(2) Thomas.

(3) William born 1425 or before. Killed in Battle at St. Albans in 1455. Buried in the Abbey.

(4) Edmund.

X. SIR ROBERT LAWRENCE of Ashton Hall, married about 1420, Amphilbus Longford—was living in 1454.

Their children were:
(1) Sir James Lawrence of Ashton Hall, married Cecily Boteler.
(2) Robert—married Margaret Lawrence of Lancashire.
(3) NICHOLAS, of Agercroft.

IX. NICHOLAS LAWRENCE of Agercroft—married——

Their children were:
(1) Thomas.
(2) Nicholas.
(3) Robert.
(4) JOHN of Suffolk—died 1461.
(5) William.
(6) Henry.
(7) Sir Oliver.

VIII. JOHN LAWRENCE of Suffolk, married——Died in 1461. In the pedigree of the Lawrences of Ashton Hall under this name is written "From this John are descended the Lawrences of St. James Park in Suffolk."

His son was:
VII. THOMAS LAWRENCE of Rumburgh in Suffolk—Owned lands in Rumburgh, South Elmham, Spottshall, Wisset, Holton, etc., married ——. Date of his will July 17, 1471.

His children were:
(1) John of Rumburgh, married Margery——.
(2) Richard of St. Ives.

VI. JOHN LAWRENCE of Rumburgh, married Margery——. He died in 1504. His will dated July 10, 1504. His wife died in 1507. Both were buried in the church at Rumburgh.

Their son was:
V. ROBERT LAWRENCE of Rumburgh, married———. He was named in his father's will and his wife was named in her mother-in-law's will.

Their son was:
IV. JOHN LAWRENCE, married Elizabeth——. He was named in his grandmother's will. His own will was dated Jan. 27, 1556.

The children of John and Elizabeth were:
(1) Henry.
(2) JOHN of Rumburgh, married Agnes——. Died 1590.
(3) Agnes, buried Jan. 22, 1583.
(4) Agnes.
(5) Margaret.
(6) Katherine.
(7) William of St. James Park, South Elmham. He was an exile during the reign of Queen Mary and after his return a preacher at Tessingfield.

(8) Richard of Wisset—and Rumburgh. His will was dated Jan. 27, 1556.

III. JOHN LAWRENCE of Rumburgh, married Agnes——. Buried at Rumburgh May 27, 1590. Will dated April 27, 1590. In 1560 Lord North aleniated to him New Park in South Elmham. His wife was buried Jan. 27, 1583.

The children of John and Agnes were:

(1) JOHN of Wisset in Suffolk, married Johan ——. Died 1607.
(2) Richard—died in 1596.
(3) Susan.
(4) Elizabeth.
(5) Margaret.

II. JOHN LAWRENCE of Wisset in Suffolk, married Johan—— His will dated June 2, 1606 and he was buried Jan. 16, 1607.

The children of John and Johan were:

(1) HENRY of Wisset, married Mary——.
(2) Robert—baptised at Wisset Apr. 10, 1586, married Mary—— In his will dated in 1641 he mentions his kinsman Henry North of Laxfield who was the son of Sir Henry North and grandson of Lord North.
(3) Margery, married Dec. 12, 1599 Nicholas Whitney.
(4) Katherine, married Oct. 4, 1602 Francis Thacker.

I. HENRY LAWRENCE of Wisset, married Mary——. He was named in his father's will. He probably came to New England and settled at Charlestown.

The children of Henry and Mary were:

(1) JOHN, baptised at Wisset Oct. 8, 1609, married (1) Elizabeth —— and (2) Susanna Batchelder. Died at Groton, Mass. Aug. 29, 1663.
(2) Robert, baptised at Wisset Sept. 16, 1612.

1609—1667

JOHN [1] LAWRENCE son of Henry and Mary (——) Lawrence, born at Wisset in Suffolk England, baptised Oct. 8, 1609, married (1) Elizabeth —— who died at Groton, Mass. Aug. 29, 1663, and (2) Nov. 2, 1664 Susanna Batchelder.

The children of John and Elizabeth, all but one born in Watertown, Mass. were:

(1) JOHN, born March 14, 1635-6, married (1) Sept. 30, 1657 Sarah Buckmaster (or Buckminster) and (2) Susanna——. Died at Natick June 1712.

(2) Ensign Nathaniel, born Oct. 15, 1639, married (1) in Sudbury Mar. 13, 1660-1, Sarah Morse who died at Groton Aug. 29, 1683, and (2) Nov. 9, 1687 Hannah Tarbell of Groton. Lived at Sudbury, Groton and Lexington. Died April 14, 1724.

(3) Joseph, born March 1642, died May 1642.

(4) Joseph, born May 30, 1643, married March 13, 1670-1 Rebecca Davis.

(5) Jonathan———buried April 16, 1648.

(6) Mary, born July 16, 1645, married Aug. 25, 1663 Inego Potter of Charlestown. Died Feb. 10, 1686-7.

(7) Peleg, born Jan. 10, 1646-7, married in 1668 Elizabeth Morse lived in Groton and died there Feb. 14, 1692.

(8) Enoch, born March 5, 1648-9, married March 6, 1676-7 Ruth Whitney, died at Groton Sept. 28, 1774 aged 94.

(9) SAMUEL——married Sept. 14, 1682 Rebecca Luen, settled in Connecticut.

(10) Isaac——married April 19, 1682 Abigail Bellows, settled Norwich, Conn.

(11) Elizabeth, born at Boston May 9, 1655.

(12) Jonathan, married Nov. 5, 1677 Rebecca Rutler, Died in 1725 aged 70.

(13) Zechariah, born Mar. 9, 1658-9—Mariner—Lived in Boston.

The children of John and Susanna, all born in Groton, were:

(14) Abigail, born Jan. 9 or 11, 1665-6, married May 7, 1684 Edward Wyar.

(15) Susanna, born July 3, 1667.

John [1] Lawrence died at Groton, July 11, 1667 and his widow Susanna died July 8, 1668.

HISTORY

John [1] Lawrence came from England perhaps with Gov. Winthrop in 1630. He was a carpenter and settled in Watertown, his name being upon the earliest list of proprietors in 1636. He was admitted freeman March 9, 1636-7. He sold his Watertown property in 1662 and removed to Groton where he was one of the original proprietors and was elected selectman in Dec. 1662. He lived at Groton until his death in 1667.

1636—1712

JOHN [2] LAWRENCE, son of John [1] and Elizabeth Lawrence, born at Watertown, Mass. March 14, 1635-6, married (1) at Boston Sept. 30, 1657 Sarah Buckmaster (or Buckminster) who died at Wrentham, Aug. 30, 1690, and (2) Susanna——.

The children of John and Sarah were:

(1) Elizabeth——mentioned in her father's will.

(2) Daniel——married Hannah——before 1703, settled in Dedham and later in Wrentham.

(3) Sarah, born in Sudbury Jan. 1, 1661, died at Wrentham March 25, 1684.

(4) Joanna, born at Muddy River in 1668, married in 1688 Capt. Robert Pond of Wrentham.

(5) EBENEZER, married Nov. 25, 1706 Mary Partridge, settled in Wrentham. Died in 1751.

(6) Jonathan——mentioned in his father's will.

(7) Mary, born at Wrentham Mar. 16, 1682. Died Dec. 8, 1694.

(8) David, born at Wrentham in 1683, married (1) at Medfield Nov. 19, 1711 Bethiah Rocket and (2) June 5, 1729 Rachel Bacon of Dedham. Died Aug. 23, 1754 aged 70. Buried in Union St. Cemetery, Franklin, Mass.

The children of John and Susanna were:

(9) Sarah, born at Sherborn Oct. 21, 1698.

(10) Mercy, born at Natick Mar. 27, 1707.

(11) Samuel, born at Natick Jan. 29, 1711-2.

John [2] Lawrence died at Natick in June 1712, aged 76.

HISTORY

John [2] Lawrence settled at Muddy River (now Brookline) Mass., before 1657, the date of his marriage when he is recorded as of Muddy River. He may have lived for a while in Sudbury where one of his children was born, and where his brother Nathaniel resided. He seems to have been in Groton from 1662 until 1665 or 1666 when he returned to Muddy River. Sometime later he removed to "The backwoods near Wollomanopoag Ponds"—this being the territory which in 1673 was incorporated as the town of Wrentham. His wife Sarah died in Wrentham in 1690 and he remained there probably until after 1694 when his daughter Mary died. His sons Daniel, Ebenezer and David and his daughter Joanna all settled at Wrentham.

He subsequently removed to Sherborn, perhaps at the time of his second marriage, and remained there until sometime between 1698 and 1703, when he removed to Natick where he lived until his death in 1712. In his will dated at Natick Oct. 23, 1703 and admitted to probate July 21, 1712, he mentions his wife Susanna and her one child, also his children by his first wife, Daniel the eldest son, Ebenezer, Jonathan and David and his daughters Elizabeth and Joanna.

On the back of this will is an inscription stating that John Lawrence died in June 1712. (See Middlesex Probate Records File No. 9712).

It is a singular fact that no author of Lawrence genealogies has traced the history or descendants of John [2] Lawrence. Most of them have been content to locate him "probably" at Charlestown and thus this branch of the family, although rather numerous, have never been mentioned to any extent in any genealogy.

Wyman, in his "Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown" says however, "John Lawrence, son of John of Watertown married Sarah Buckmaster Sept. 30, 1657 at Boston, who died in Wrentham Aug. 30, 1690"—this being the only correct statement of this family that the author has seen in print. Mr. Arthur T. Bond of Wilmington, Mass. has compiled some records of the family but these have not yet been printed.

SARAH [2] BUCKMASTER or BUCKMINSTER, wife of John [2] Lawrence, was the daughter of Thomas and Joanna Buckmaster.

The record of her father's family is as follows:
THOMAS [1] BUCKMASTER, born in England, 1656 married Joanna—

The children of Thomas and Joanna were:
(1) Lawrence.
(2) Zackariah—married in 1655 Hannah——. Settled in Sherborn.
(3) Elizabeth—married Thomas Spowell.
(4) Mary—married —Stevens.
(5) Dorcas—married Mar. 7, 1654-5 Clement Corbin.
(6) Thomas—married Mary——, lived at Muddy River.
(7) SARAH—married Sept. 30, 1657 John Lawrence.
(8) Col. Joseph—married Elizabeth Clark, lived at Muddy River, died Nov. 20, 1668.
(9) Jabez—

HISTORY

Thomas Buckmaster was a descendant of John Buckmaster of Peter borough, Northamptonshire, England. He was born in England and came to New England being in Sudbury as early as 1629 when a lot was laid out to him near the two ponds at the west side of the town plot and he shared in the first two divisions of land in 1639 and 1640.

Afterward he lived in Scituate and from thence removed to Boston where both he and his wife were admitted members of the church Oct. 4, 1645 upon letters from the church in Scituate.

He was made freeman in 1646.

The records show that he lived at Muddy River (now Brookline). Upon the Muddy River records he is called both Buckmaster and Buckminster. He died at Muddy River Sept. 28, 1656.

His will, dated at Muddy River Sept. 2, 1656 and witnessed by John Lawrence, mentions all the above named children except Lawrence.

Rev. Joseph Buckminster, the "able and faithful minister of Rutland" for fifty years from 1742 to 1792 was a descendant of Thomas [1] Buckmaster (or Buckminster) and a second cousin of Sarah (Lawrence) Wheeler.

——1751

EBENEZER [3] LAWRENCE, (John [2], John [1]), son of John [2] and Sarah (Buckmaster) Lawrence born probably at Muddy River or Wrentham, married Nov. 25, 1706 Mary Partridge, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rockwood) Partridge of Medfield.

The children of Ebenezer and Mary, all born at Wrentham, were:
(1) SARAH, born May 30, 1709, married May 8, 1734 Isaac [3] Wheeler.
(2) Mary, born May 25, 1711, married (probably in 1731) John

Bacon, settled in Wrentham, moved to Brookfield. Died Aug. 30, 1779.

(3) John, born June 27, 1713. Died previous to 1751.

(4) Mercy, born Feb. 25, 1713-4, married Dec. 23, 1754 John Fales of Wrentham.

(5) Margaret, born July 5, 1716. Died at Wrentham Feb. 11, 1754.

(6) Hannah or Anna, born May 30, 1719, married Feb. 16, 1743-4 Rowland Clark of Medfield (nephew of Isaac Wheeler). Settled in Sturbridge.

(7) Ebenezer, born May 11, 1721, married (1) Feb. 11, 1745-6 Mary Hawes who died Feb. 9, 1778 and (2) Widow Mary Harding Dec. 22, 1779. Settled in Wrentham. Died at Franklin Oct. 4, 1796 aged 75.

(8) Rebecca——, died in Wrentham April 9, 1735.

Ebenezer [3] Lawrence, died at Wrentham June 12, 1751 and his wife Mary died at the same place Feb. 14, 1754.

HISTORY

There seems to be no record of the birth of Ebenezer [3] Lawrence, but he is mentioned in his father's will as are also his brothers and sisters.

He seems to have owned considerable land.

By the proprietor's records it is shown that he had lots Nos. 64-68 and 119 in Wrentham and that lots from different divisions were laid out to him at various times. In one of these divisions allusion is made to his farm as being upon the highway from Wrentham to Bellingham. This road was later called the Worcester and Taunton Turnpike and is now Central St. in the town of Franklin.

On March 1, 1703 Capt. Robert Pond and his wife Joanna deeded to their "brother Ebenezer Lawrence" twelve acres of land in "Sink Meadow" in Wrentham. (Suffolk Registry of Deeds Book 56 page 24).

In 1736, Ebenezer was one of the petitioners to the General Court asking that the west part of Wrentham (that portion now Franklin) be set off as a separate parish.

This petition was signed also by his brother David, his brother-in-law Capt. Robert Pond and his nephew David Lawrence Jr. On Oct. 26, 1748 he deeded the whole of his farm and one half of his house in Wrentham to his son Ebenezer.

In his will dated Aug. 15, 1750 and allowed June 25, 1751 he mentions all his children except John and alludes to Ebenezer Jr. as being his only son, devising all his real estate to him on condition that he furnish his mother during her life "on half the Dwelling House and the Well, Keep 2 cows for her—find her a Horse to Ride to meeting upon—firewood enough for One fire Cutt fitt to burn at the door of s[d] Dwelling House & also 15 Bushells of Indian Meal and five Bushells of Rye meal & three Bushells of Malt—fifteen pounds of wool and fifteen pounds of flax yearly and each year."

(Suffolk Probate Records).

Ebenezer [3] Lawrence died at Wrentham June 12, 1751 and his widow Mary Feb. 14, 1754.

MARY [3] PARTRIDGE wife of Ebenezer Lawrence was the daughter of John [2] Partridge and Elizabeth (Rockwood) Partridge and was born in Medfield Feb. 25, 1681-2. Her mother was the daughter of Nicholas and Margaret (Holbrook) Rockwood.

John [2] Partridge was born at Medfield Sept. 2, 1656 and married Elizabeth Rockwood Dec. 24, 1678. He was a school teacher on the "westside," now Medway, and was active in forming the new town. He served upon a committee to secure a new pastor for the Medway church in 1714 and was afterward a deacon in the church. He died at Medway, Dec. 19, 1743 aged 87.

John [1] Partridge grandfather of Mary was born in England and came to Medfield as early as 1653. He married Dec. 18, 1655 Magdalen, daughter of John and Magdalen (———) Bullard.

His house was burned by the Indians in 1676. He had nine children and died May 28, 1706 aged about 86.

1696—1749

RICHARD [3] WHEELER, (Isaac [2], Richard [1]), son of Isaac and Experience (Metcalfe) Wheeler, born at Lancaster or Medfield as early as 1696, married Sarah ——as early as 1717.

The children of Richard and Sarah, all born at Worcester were:

(1) Jonathan, born June 14, 1718.

(2) Experience, born March 11, 1720.

(3) Richard, born Sept. 22, 1721. Soldier in Capt. Prescott's Co. of Lancaster at siege of Carthagena South America in 1740.

(4) Moses, born May 27, 1723, married Dec. 11, 1744 Abigail Godin of Westboro, settled in Westboro, removed to Holden. Soldier in Revolutionary war. Died in service at Valley Forge.

(5) Isaac born Feb. 26, 1724,-5 married Aug. 18, 1752 Sarah Darling of Framingham, settled at Holden. Was a blacksmith.

HISTORY

Richard [3] Wheeler settled in Worcester and remained there after his father returned to Medfield.

His father deeded to him one of his farms in Worcester in 1722 and he received other lands there by his father's will. The Worcester records show that the town committee assigned him a place "In ye fourth seete" in the meeting house in 1724.

He was one of the Proprietors of Pequoig (now Athol) and owned land bordering upon Millers River in that town. (See History of Athol and Wor. Registry of Deeds B10 P527).

"Richard Wheeler of Worcester" appears upon a "Muster Roll of Capt. Eleazar Wheelock & Compa from Oct. 11 to Oct. 31, 1723" under the

"quality" of pilot. Two men from Rutland also appear upon this roll but the remaining names are from Medfield and vicinity.

(N. E. Gen. & Hist. Register for 1908, page 38).

Richard [3] Wheeler died at Worcester in March or April 1749.

1700—1780

ABRAHAM [3] WHEELER, (Isaac [2], Richard [1]), son of Isaac and Experience (Metcalfe) Wheeler, born at Medfield Nov. 26, 1700 married Hannah (———).

The children of Abraham and Hannah, all born at Worcester, were:

(1) Thomas, born Sept. 22, 1728.

(2) Jabez, born July 24, 1731.

(3) Mary, born April 15, 1733, married April 6, 1761 Ebenezer Millett.

(4) Abraham, born July 2, 1735, married July 13, 1756 Elizabeth Millett of Mendon.

HISTORY

Abraham [3] Wheeler settled in Worcester and is mentioned in the Worcester records as "Surveyor of Highways" and also as builder of a bridge over the Blackstone River on the road to Sutton in 1737.

The town voted him seven shillings and sixpence for "Snaks & Birds."

In 1733 the committee assigned him a place in the "fourth seat in ye body" of the meeting house.

He owned considerable land in Holden which he received from his father's estate.

Abraham [3] Wheeler died in Worcester Oct. 20, 1780 aged 80 years and was buried in the old cemetery on the common, on the side adjoining Front St.

CHAPTER IV

Fourth Generation and Allied Families

1735—1817

SERGT ISAAC [4] WHEELER, son of Isaac [3] and Sarah (Lawrence) Wheeler, born at Medfield March 24, 1735, married at Rutland, Mass., March 14, 1765 Elizabeth Stone, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Stone) Stone of Rutland.

The children of Isaac and Elizabeth, all born at Rutland, were:

(1) Dorcas, born Jan. 7, 1766, married April 6, 1786 Asa Davis of Rutland, settled in Hancock N. H. and died there July 2, 1803.

(2) Caty, born Feb. 15, 1767, married Jan 21, 1790 Isaac Stevens of Holden, settled in Barre, Vt. and died there April 13, 1860 aged 93.

(3) Elizabeth, born Nov. 10, 1769, married Nov. 26, 1795 Joel Gleason of Holden, died Feb. 25, 1817.

(4) ISAAC, born Dec. 2, 1771, married Jan. 29, 1804 Betsey Murray of Rutland, settled in Garland, Me. and died there Mar. 14, 1853.

(5) Jacob, born Feb. 9, 1774, unmarried, settled in Garland, Me. and died there in 1807.

(6) Sybil, born Nov. 9, 1775, married Jan. 6, 1800 Johnson Henry of Rutland and died there in 1863.

(7) Sarah, born Oct. 7, 1779, married May 12, 1802 James Holbrook lived at Garland, Me., Rutland and Boylston, Mass., died Oct. 24, 1827.

(8) REUBEN, born May 3, 1782, married at Lancaster Dec. 17, 1807 Sally Whitney, lived in Hubbardston, Worcester and Boston.

(9) ELI, born Sept. 3, 1784, married May 26, 1807 Lucy Ames of Rutland, died Oct. 12, 1861.

Isaac [4] Wheeler died at Rutland April 22, 1817 aged 82 years. His wife Elizabeth died Dec. 22, 1813 aged 70.

HISTORY

Isaac [4] Wheeler lived with his father in Medfield until he was twenty years of age when he accompanied the family to Rutland and continued with his father upon the Rutland farm until the death of the latter in 1769. In his younger days he must have been quite an athlete, for soon

after coming to Rutland, upon being dared to the deed by an uncle, he jumped across Harwoods brook at the bend above the "pond hole" in the great meadow, while the uncle, essaying the same feat, ignominiously failed and measured his length in the muddy bed of the brook. The width of the brook at this point at the present time is from 18 to 20 feet. Isaac was a private in Capt. Peter Davis' company of Col. Ruggles' regiment which marched for the relief of Fort William Henry in 1757. His name appears upon "A muster Roll" dated at Rutland Jan. 22, 1759 and by this it appears that Isaac served with his company which "marched from Rutland to Kinderhook." (Military Archives, State House, Boston).

On Oct. 5, 1763 his father deeded him one half of the home farm and on March 14, 1765 he married Elizabeth Stone, the daughter of one of his neighbors.

After the death of his father in 1769 he was appointed administrator of the estate upon the request of his mother and a part of his brothers and sisters, and on Oct. 19 of the same year he bought of the remainder of the heirs their interest in the other half of the Rutland farm, the consideration being £200, this deed being signed by his mother and all his brothers and sisters. (Worcester Registry of Deeds B61 P306).

On Dec. 8, 1770, he bought of Edward Selfridge seven and one half acres of land lying near Harwoods brook and adjoining his farm. (Worcester Registry of Deeds B64 P376).

During the troublous times immediately preceding the American Revolution, Isaac was a Sergeant in the Rutland Company of Minute Men and upon receipt of the tidings from Lexington and Concord, he marched with his company and joined the American Army at Cambridge.

His name may be found in the Military Archives in the State House at Boston upon the "Lexington Alarm Roll" as Sergeant of "Capt. Thomas Eustis Company which marched to Cambridge April 19, 1775." He served in the army during the seige of Boston in 1775 and 1776.

His brother Abraham Wheeler, and Asa Davis who later became his son-in-law, and Timothy Metcalfe a cousin who had come from Dedham to Rutland, were all members of this company.

Lieut. John Stone, and Israel Stone, his brothers-in-law and five cousins of his wife were also in this company, making ten persons in the Rutland Company who were related to Isaac Wheeler by blood or marriage.

Of this company, Read, the historian of Rutland, says, "They were as fine and brave a company as Rutland could ever boast of."

In 1779, Isaac was a Sergeant in Capt. Phineas Walker's Company in the 7th Mass. Reg't., which was a Worcester County regiment, and was in the detachment of Guards on duty at Rutland. (Military Archives, State House, Boston.)

Several other relatives of Isaac Wheeler were soldiers in the Revolutionary army.

His cousins, Moses Wheeler and Isaac Wheeler of Holden, were members of the Holden company and the former died at Valley Forge, while another cousin Rice Wheeler, a grandson of Zebediah [2] went into the army from Warren, Mass.

Capt. Adam Wheeler of Hubbardston, the husband of Isaac's sister Mercy was a captain in the Continental Army during the war.

In 1778 Isaac was a member of a committee appointed by the town of Rutland "to provide things for the wifes and families of the soldiers gone into the Continental service from Rutland for three years or during the war," and in 1779 he was a member of the committee" to make an estimate of all the charges that have arisen in the town of Rutland in support of the Present war since the commencement thereof." (Rutland Records).

In addition to filling various minor town offices in Rutland at different times Isaac was a selectman in 1789-91-93 and 95 and was one of a committee of three appointed by the town to sell the pews in the meeting house in 1800.

Besides his home farm, Isaac owned other real estate in Rutland and elsewhere.

On May 3, 1785, he with two associates bought of the heirs of Wm. McCobb a farm of 66 acres with a "mansion house" and barn, situated on the "road from Towers Mill to the meeting house, and adjoining Alexander Murray's farm." (Worcester Registry of Deeds B100 Page 245).

On Dec. 2, 1785 Isaac bought the rights of one of the two other associates mentioned above. There is no record of the sale of this estate. On Jan. 16, 1793 he bought of Jonathan Jackson of Newburyport 100 acres of land in Wendell, Mass. the consideration being £70.
(Franklin Co. Registry of Deeds B6 P266).

This farm was in the south part of the town and the north end extended onto "Whetstone Hill," it being lot No. 63, listed as "first rate" upon a plan recorded in Hampden Co. Registry of Deeds Book 10 P630. On June 20, 1797 he sold this estate to Eli Wood for $400.66 and in this deed reference is made to other land belonging to Isaac in Wendell of which there appears to be no record. (Franklin Co. Registry of Deeds B13 P390).

In 1807 he received from the estate of his son Jacob who died in Maine, another farm in Wendell consisting of 82 acres lying on Millers River upon both sides of the present location of the B. & M. R. R. The mills, water power, depot and all that portion of the village of Farley now within the limits of Wendell are located upon this property. He sold it on April 30, 1813 to William Flemming of Wendell, reserving the house which he had previously sold and which was to be removed, (Franklin Co. Registry of Deeds B31 P404).

Abel Gunn (or Abel Death) to whom Isaac sold the above mentioned house, removed it to Mormon Hollow in Wendell two or three miles from Millers River, where it still stands being now, or recently, owned by one Baker.

In addition to the real estate mentioned above Isaac had money invested in mortgages.

On Nov. 17, 1806 he deeded one half of his home estate to his youngest son Eli who was the only son remaining at home, Isaac and Jacob having removed to Garland, Maine, and Reuben to Hubbardston, Mass.

Jacob bought a farm at Garland and died there in the early part of 1807, the administrator having been appointed June 2, 1807. His property consisted of about 180 acres of land in "Hancock Co. Mass"—now Penobscott County Maine—being lot No. 6 in the "Fifth Range of Town ships north of the Waldo Patent";—75 acres, which was one half of a farm that he owned with his brother Isaac, being lot No. 1 in the fifth range of lots in township No. 4 in the Seventh Range of Townships north of the Waldo Patent; the farm of 82 acres in Wendell mentioned above, and some personal property, among the latter mentioned in the inventory being "Porter's Evidences of Christianity" and "Watts' Psalms and Hymns."

All this property fell to Isaac Wheeler as Jacob had no family.

In 1813 James Holbrook a son-in-law of Isaac, who had settled also in Maine but had returned to Rutland, built a house at Rutland on land of Isaac and Eli Wheeler a short distance west of their dwelling house, and on Jan. 20, 1816 he sold all his right and title to it to Isaac and Eli.

This house is still standing and is owned by the heirs of Mrs. Abby A. Peterson who was a great grand daughter of Isaac [4] Wheeler.

Isaac and his wife joined the first church in Rutland Nov. 2, 1766 and continued members as long as they lived, Isaac being a member for 51 years.

Isaac [4] Wheeler died on April 22, 1817 aged 82 years and six months and was buried in the old cemetery at Rutland Center by the side of his wife Elizabeth who died Dec. 15, 1813 and near the grave of his father, Isaac [3] Wheeler.

Isaac Wheeler was a man whose kindness and estimable qualities were long remembered by his descendants. His helpfulness and generosity to some of his grand children who were left fatherless at an early age were of the greatest assistance in enabling them to combat adverse circumstances and to make a start in life. Some years since one of these grandsons, Eli Holbrook of West Boylston showed his gratitude by causing to be erected over the graves of Isaac and Elizabeth a stone perpetuating their memory.

ELIZABETH [5] STONE, wife of Isaac [4] Wheeler was the daughter of John [4] and Elizabeth (Stone) Stone and was born at Rutland March 29, 1743. Her father was a descendant of Gregory [1] Stone, and came from Framingham to Rutland. Her brother John was Lieutenant of the Rutland company of Minute Men in which her husband Isaac was Sergeant. Another brother, Israel, was also a Revolutionary soldier and afterwards went with Gen. Rufus Putnam to Ohio and settled at Mariatte. Her cousin Samuel Stone Jr. was also a Revolutionary soldier.

Her brother Lieut. (afterward Capt.) John Stone, after his return from the war bought the place adjoining the Wheeler farm on the south east and lived there the remainder of his life.

Gen. Charles P. Stone of the Union Army during the civil war and afterward commander of the Egyptian army was a descendant of a brother of Elizabeth Stone.

The genealogy of her family is as follows.

1590—1672

GREGORY [1] STONE, son of Rev. Samuel Stone, born in Sudbury, Suffolk Co., England in 1590 and baptised at Nayland, England April 19, 1592, married (1) at Nayland, England July 20, 1617 Margaret Garrard baptised at Nayland Dec. 5, 1597 and buried at Nayland Aug. 4, 1626, and (2) Mrs. Lydia (———) Cooper.

The children of Gregory and Margaret and Gregory and Lydia were:

(1) JOHN, baptised at Nayland, England July 31, 1618, married about 1639 Anne How, settled in Sudbury, Mass.

(2) Daniel——"a chirurgeon," settled in Boston.

(3) David——married (1) about 1648 Elizabeth—— and (2) Dorcas—

(4) Sarah, born in England in 1633, married July 12, 1653 Joseph Merriam of Concord. Died at Lexington April 8, 1704 aged 71.

(5) Dea Samuel, born in 1635 married June 7, 1655 Sarah Stearns of Waltham, settled in Lexington and died there Sept. 27, 1715 aged 80.

(6) Elizabeth——married Anthony Potter of Ipswich.

Gregory [1] Stone died at Cambridge Nov. 30, 1672 aged 82 and his wife Lydia died June 24, 1674.

HISTORY

Gregory [1] Stone came from England to this country with his family in 1635 settling at Cambridge as early as 1637. He was the son of Rev. Samuel Stone a non-conformist minister.

He lived near Mt. Auburn and owned lands both at Cambridge and Watertown. He was one of the proprietors of Watertown although he never resided there. He was admitted freeman May 25, 1636, was a member of the first church and its deacon. He was a representative to the General Court in 1638. He evidently owned some land adjoining Harvard College as the proprietor's record of Cambridge contains the following description of land sold by Gregory Stone:

"One Acar of Land in the Oxe Pa*f*ter more or Less; as it is now fenced in, one ye East end Mr. Thomas Sheppard; the north end reaching to the Cow Common; the Colledge Lootte on ye South side and Nathaniel Sparrowhawke on the North Side."

He also owned land at West Cambridge (now Lexington) and at Fresh Pond. He sold his Watertown lands to one Sparhawk in 1639.

He died at Cambridge Nov. 30, 1672 and his wife Lydia died June 24, 1674.

1618—1683

JOHN [2] STONE, son of Gregory and Margaret (Garrard) Stone, born in Nayland, England in 1618 (baptised July 31, 1618), married in 1639 Anne How, daughter of Elder Edward How.

The children of John and Anne, all born at Sudbury, were:

(1) Hannah, born June 6, 1640, married July 1, 1658 John Bent.

(2) Mary——married (1) Isaac Hunt, and (2) Sept. 30, 1681 Eliphalet Fox.

(3) Dea Daniel, born Aug. 31, 1644, married (1) Nov. 22, 1667 Mrs. Mary (Moore) Ward who died June 10, 1703, and (2) Feb. 8, 1704, Abigail Wheeler, (daughter of Abraham and Tabitha (—) Wheeler of Lancaster), who died Oct. 28, 1711 and (3) Nov. 18, 1712 Ruth Haynes.

(4) David, born Oct. 31, 1646, married Susanna——died at Framingham in 1737 aged 91.

(5) Margaret, born Oct. 22, 1653, married Jan. 11, 1675-6 William Brown.

(7) Tabitha, born May 20, 1655, married May 27, 1674 John Rice.

(8) Sarah, born Sept. 22, 1657, married Jacob Hill.

(9) NATHANIEL, born May 11, 1660, married April 25, 1684 Sarah Wayt of Malden.

John [2] Stone died at Cambridge May 5, 1683.

HISTORY

John [2] Stone married Anne the daughter of Elder Edward How of Watertown and settled in Sudbury being one of the early proprietors of that town and sharing in the first three divisions of land. His house was in that portion of town now within the limits of Wayland. In 1643 he received a grant of land "In Natick bounds," and in 1645 he sold his house and land in Sudbury to John Moore. In 1646 or 1647 he built a house at "Otter neck" on the west side of Sudbury River. He was town clerk in 1655. In 1656 he bought of the Indians land "At the fals of Sudbury River" (now Saxonville) and the General Court confirmed his purchase which he "had just broken up" and granted him 50 acres in addition. He was the first settler at this place and the first white man to locate within the limits of what is now the town of Framingham.

He owned all the land now occupied by that portion of Saxonville lying west of the Sudbury River and acquired several hundred acres within the town of Framingham.

His house, built in 1658 was on the spot now occupied by the depot of the B. & A. R. R. in Saxonville.

In 1659, probably, he built at the falls the first mill ever erected in Framingham. In Barry's history of Framingham, it is stated that John Stone was known as deacon, and that he was a ruling elder of the Sudbury church. In 1679 he was one of three commissioners appointed by the General Court "for to order and settle the rebuilding of Lancaster," and in the same year he was appointed upon a committee to settle the disputed location of a meeting house in Sherborn. His sons Daniel and David settled near their father in 1667.

He removed to Cambridge sometime before 1682 in which year he was ordained as a Ruling Elder in the Cambridge church. He represented Cambridge in the General Court in 1682 and 1683, and died at Cambridge May 5, 1683 aged about 65. Near the center of the cemetery of the first church in Cambridge is a stone marking the grave of John Stone and bearing the following inscription.

"Memento te esse Mortalem.
Here lyeth interred ye body of
Elder John Stone—Aged 64 years"
Who departed this life ye 5th of May 1683.

ANNE [2] HOW, wife of John [2] Stone, was the daughter of Edward How, Ruling Elder of the church in Watertown, and his wife Margaret, (———). She was born in England.

Edward [1] How was made freeman May 14, 1632 and was one of the original proprietors of Watertown. He was selectman in 1637-39-41-42 and 43, and representative to the General Court in 1642 and 1643. He was part owner of a mill in Watertown. He died in June or July 1644 leaving a will in which he mentions his wife Margaret and two daughters. A copy of this will may be found in the Hist. and Gen. Register Vol. 3, Page 77.

1660—1732

NATHANIEL [3] STONE, son of Elder John and Anne (How) Stone, born in Sudbury May 11, 1660, married at Sudbury April 25, 1684 Sarah Wayt of Malden.

The children of Nathaniel and Sarah, all born in Framingham were:

(1) Nathaniel, born Oct. 15, 1685, married at Concord Aug. 10, 1711 Mary Cutler (or Cutter) of Sudbury. Died at Sudbury June 9, 1729.

(2) Ebenezer, born April 16, 1688, married May 10, 1721 Prudence Pratt of Concord.

(3) Jonathan, born March 24, 1690, married Oct. 11, 1716 Abiel Bigelow.

(4) Isaac.

(5) John, born March 1, 1700-1 died young.

(6) JOHN, born April 13, 1702, married (1) Jan. 13, 1731 Elizabeth Stone who died at Rutland May 21, 1751, and (2) in 1766 Mrs. Mary (Stratton) Brown.

(7) Mary, born Dec. 19, 1705, married ——Coggin.

(8) Sarah, born Oct. 12, 1708, married ——Carter.

(9) Capt. Hezekiah, born March 5, 1710-1, married Ruth How of Sudbury, removed to Oxford. Died July 18, 1771.

HISTORY

Nathaniel [3] Stone lived at the Falls of the Sudbury River, now Saxonville, in the town of Framingham, where he was selectman for four years.

He was admitted to the church May 16, 1725.

He died in Framingham in October 1732 aged 72 years.

His will was dated June 23, 1732, and entered for probate Nov. 2, 1732.

There seems to be no record of Sarah Wayt of Malden other than that of her marriage to Nathaniel Stone. It is probable that she was the daughter of John Wayt, an early settler of Malden.

1702—1776

DEA JOHN [4] STONE, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Wayt) Stone, born at Framingham, Mass. April 13, 1702, married (1) at Sudbury, Mass. Jan. 13, 1731 Elizabeth [5] Stone, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Abigail (Reed) Stone, born at Sudbury, Dec. 21, 1713, died at Rutland May 21, 1751 and (2) in 1766, Mrs. Mary (Stratton) Brown, daughter of Samuel Stratton of Holden.

The children of John and Elizabeth, all born at Rutland, were:

(1) Capt. John, born Dec. 18, 1732, married Sept. 9, 1755 Lucy Fletcher. Died July 30, 1819 aged 87. His wife died Jan. 31, 1824 aged 89.

(2) Abigail, born Oct. 5, 1734 died Feb. 16, 1755.

(3) Sarah, born Dec. 14, 1736 lived to old age—unmarried.

(4) Eunice, born March 21, 1738-9, married March 9, 1758 Isaac Bellows of Rutland.

(5) Beulah, born April 15, 1741, married Silas Jones of Templeton (Intentions May 3, 1774.)

(6) ELIZABETH, born March 29, 1743, married March 14, 1765 Isaac Wheeler of Rutland. Died Dec. 22, 1813 aged 70.

(7) Dorcas, born May 10, 1745 died Dec. 22, 1747.

(8) Hepsibah, born April 3, 1747, married (Int. Feb. 10, 1770) Jonathan Gates.

(9) Israel, born April 15, 1749, married July 12, 1768 Lydia Barrett of Rutland. Soldier in Revolutionary War. Removed to Marrietta, Ohio.

John [4] Stone died at Rutland Oct. 11, 1776 aged 74 years and six months.

HISTORY

John [4] Stone came from Framingham to Rutland and married Elizabeth Stone, a distant relative. His house at Rutland was upon the old "Hardwick Turnpike," now known as the Central Tree Road, upon land now owned by the State Sanatorium and near the large elm now called the "Central Tree" of the State. His farm extended from this road to the south and west shores of Lake Muschopauge, the whole farm being now owned by the State, with the exception of a small strip at the westerly end of the lake now owned by the heirs of Walter A. Wheeler, a great great grandsonof John Stone. Since the settlement by John Stone, this piece has always been in the possession of the Stone and Wheeler families.

John [4] Stone died at Rutland Oct. 11, 1776 aged 74½ years.

ELIZABETH [5] STONE, wife of John [4] Stone was, like himself, a descendant of Gregory [1] Stone, (Samuel [4] Samuel [3] Samuel [2] Gregory [1]), so that the descendants of Elizabeth (Stone) Wheeler are descended from Gregory Stone in two different ways. Her father Samuel [4] was born in Concord Aug. 12, 1684 and lived at Concord, Lexington and Sudbury where Elizabeth was born on Dec. 21, 1713. He was one of the proprietors of Rutland and settled there in 1722 coming from Sudbury. He was one of the prominent citizens of the town for twenty two years.

His farm was at Rutland Summit on the present line of the Central Massachusetts Railroad.

In 1744, after getting his sons well settled at Rutland he removed to Lexington where he was selectman in 1765.

He was also a captain of the militia.

He died at Lexington April 5, 1769.

1746—1817

ABRAHAM [4] WHEELER, son of Isaac and Sarah (Lawrence) Wheeler born at Medfield May 2, 1746, married (1) at Rutland Aug. 22, 1770 Jemima Walker, born in Sudbury in 1747, daughter of Capt. Phineas and Beulah (Clap) Walker, who died Dec. 2, 1802, and (2) in 1803 Mrs. Catee (——) Munroe of Hubbardston, Mass.

The children of Abraham and Jemima, all born at Rutland, were:

(1) Paul, born June 13, 1771, married at Worcester Feb. 23, 1803 Mary Read. Settled as a physician at Wardsboro, Vt.

(2) Lucinda, born Nov. 23, 1773, married in 1793 Thomas Read of Rutland.

(3) Abigail, born Oct. 18, 1775. Died Aug. 5, 1784.

(4) Silas, baptised March 29, 1778. Died May 26, 1785.

(5) Calvin, born July 13, 1780. Settled at Providence, Saratoga Co., N. Y.

(6) Luther, born Sept. 23, 1782, married (1) Sarah Childs and (2) Sarah Hooper.

(7) Rowland, born Oct. 21, 1785, married April 10, 1810 Lydia Gates.

Abraham [4] Wheeler died at Rutland July 20, 1817.

HISTORY

Abraham [4] Wheeler came to Rutland with his father Isaac in 1755 when a boy of nine years.

He lived for some time in Hubbardston on a farm acquired from his father, but later returned to Rutland where he bought a farm near New Boston and resided there until his death in 1817. He was a member of the Rutland company of Minute Men that marched to Cambridge after the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775.

Eli Wheeler

Mrs. Lucy (Ames) Wheeler

Mrs. Susanna (Adams) Halladay

Merrill Wheeler

CHAPTER V

Fifth Generation and Allied Families.

1784—1861

ELI [5] WHEELER, son of Isaac [4] and Elizabeth (Stone) Wheeler, born at Rutland Sept. 3, 1784, married at Rutland May 26, 1807 Lucy Ames, daughter of John and Sarah (Davis) Ames of Rutland. She was born Oct. 27, 1788.

The children of Eli and Lucy, all born at Rutland, were:

(1) LUCY AMES, born Nov. 17, 1812, married April 29, 1830 Joel Baker of Rutland. Died Sept. 29, 1848.

(2) Eli Blake, born Sept. 8, 1815. Unmarried. Died Dec. 1, 1846.

(3) DANIEL READ, born July 5, 1818, married Aug. 10, 1845, Mrs. Susan (Halladay) White. Died May 8, 1899.

(4) Abigail Edwards, born April 6, 1821. Died July 4, 1842.

(5) Rebecca Augusta, born Dec. 8, 1823. Died Nov. 9, 1846.

(6) ISAAC MERRILL, born Dec. 28, 1827, married Dec. 14, 1848 Sarah E. Gibbs of Westminster. Died at Westminster Sept. 5, 1852.

Eli [5] Wheeler died at Rutland Oct. 12, 1861 aged 77. His wife Lucy died July 17, 1845 aged 57.

HISTORY

Eli [5] Wheeler lived at his father's house during his minority and upon attaining his majority evidently intended to make his home in Maine, which was then a province of Massachusetts. In pursuance of this plan he bought of Hon. Levi Lincoln of Worcester, afterward Governor of Massachusetts, about 121 acres of land in Garland, Me. to which place his brothers Isaac and Jacob and his brother-in-law James Holbrook had previously gone. This deed was dated March 19, 1806 and conveyed "Five eights of lot No. eighth of the fourth range of Lots in Township Number three in the fifth range of townships North of the Waldo patent in the County of Hancock and district of Maine." (Penobscott Co. Registry of Deeds B7 P.271).

This five eighths comprised all that portion of lot 8 lying south of the Kenduskeag River, a tributary of the Penobscot into which it empties at Bangor.

The township to which reference is made was afterward named Garland and lies a few miles north west of the city of Bangor. It is now in the county of Penobscot, Maine.

But Eli's plans were frustrated, probably because his older brothers had already left home as elsewhere noted and so he remained at home, his father deeding him one half of the homestead on Nov. 17, 1806. (Worcester County Registry of Deeds B162 Page 466).

He married Lucy Ames of Rutland on May 26, 1807 and remained upon the old farm all his life.

He retained his farm in Maine, however, until Feb. 11, 1813, when he sold it to his brother Isaac who still remained at Garland, (Penobscot Co. Registry of Deeds B7 P272).

His father Isaac died in 1817 and by his will left all his real estate and personal property to be divided among his children except Eli, whom he mentioned as having received his full share in the gift of one half of the farm, previously made. Eli therefore was obliged to buy the remaining half of the farm from the other heirs, which he did on Oct. 12, 1818, the consideration being $1475. (Worcester Co. Registry of Deeds B220 Page 649).

In order to do this he was obliged to borrow money and to sell some of his land to make payment.

On Oct. 15, 1818, he sold to John Estabrook the house that had been built in 1813 by his brother-in-law James Holbrook, which was situated west of the Wheeler homestead, with 22½ acres of land. (Worcester Co. Registry of Deeds B217 Page 48).

On Nov. 2, 1818 he sold to Isaac Davis a wood lot of 20 acres in the north east corner of the farm comprising the two pastures now known as the Crosby and Smith pastures. (Worcester Co. Registry of Deeds B232 P. 295).

On Jan. 1, 1824 he sold to John Wheeler nearly 19 acres of mowing and pasture land on the west side of the farm comprising what is now known as the Temple mowing and pasture. (Worcester Co. Registry of Deeds B 237 P472).

It was at this time that the Wheeler farm dwindled to the smallest proportions in its history, there remaining after these sales had been made only about 85 acres, and it continued with this diminished area until 1854. The reason for this, probably was Eli's ill health which prevented his carrying on the place with that energy and strength necessary to make farming a financial success.

This ill health, while it did not prevent his doing more or less work, was a hindrance to him all his life.

While not prominent as an office holder in the town, yet he was selectman in 1824, and held various other offices at different times. He was one of the seventeen original members of the first temperance society organized in Rutland, about 1820, and continued steadfast in his member-

ship and total abstinence principles regardless of the opposition that existed among a great majority of the people and the unpopularity of the cause at that early day. In 1837 he built a new barn 36'x 56' which is still standing, it being the southerly portion of the larger barn now upon the place.

He sustained a great loss in the death of his wife Lucy in 1845, and thereafter made his home with his son Daniel on the old homestead.

During the ten years between 1842 and 1852 he had the sad experience of losing his wife and five of his six children by death, leaving only one son for his stay and support in his old age.

In 1848 he deeded one half of his farm to his son Daniel who was thereafter associated with him in its care and management.

Both Eli and his wife united with the First Congregational Church in Rutland Nov. 1, 1818. At the time of his death Eli had been a member for 43 years.

He died Oct. 12, 1861 aged 77 years and was buried in the Rutland Rural Cemetery by the side of his wife and children. By the terms of his will the homestead was left to his son Daniel and other legacies were left to the children of his deceased son and daughter.

LUCY [5] AMES, wife of Eli [5] Wheeler was the daughter of John and Sarah (Davis) Ames and was born at Rutland Oct. 27, 1788. She lived at her father's farm in the Ware River valley near North Rutland until her marriage. She was a woman of excellent Christian character, much beloved not only by her family, but by her neighbors.

It was while attending a sick neighbor that she contracted typhoid fever of which she died July 17, 1845.

The genealogy of her family is as follows.

———1693

ROBERT [1] AMES (or EAMES), born in England, married in 1660 Rebecca Blake, daughter of George and Dorothy (———) Blake of Gloucester, Mass. She was born in 1641.

The children of Robert and Rebecca, all born in Boxford, were:

(1) Hannah, born Dec. 18, 1661, married in 1678 Ephriam Foster of Andover.

(2) Daniel, born April 7, 1663, married April 25, 1683 Lydia Wheeler of Andover.

(3) Robert, born Feb. 28, 1667-8, married April 20, 1695 Bethiah Getchell of "Seekonk."

(4) JOHN, born Oct. 11, 1670, married Nov. 1, — Priscilla Kimball of Bradford. Killed by the Indians July 9, 1724.

(5) Dorothy, born Dec. 20, 1674, married March 8, 1693-4 Samuel Swan of Haverhill.

(6) Jacob, born July 20, 1677, lived in Boston—Mariner in 1700.

(7) Joseph, born Oct. 9, 1681, married Jemima ——. Died Dec. 27, 1753.

(8) Nathaniel, born in 1684, married Mary Spofford before 1710. Died at Boxford Jan. 11, 1765 aged 80 years.

Robert [1] Ames died in Boxford July 22, 1693, and his wife Rebecca died May 8, 1721.

HISTORY

Robert Ames (or Eames) came from England, it is supposed, from Boxford in Berkshire, and was an early settler in that part of Rowley Mass. which was later incorporated as the town of Boxford.

He seems to have been called indiscriminately Ames or Eames, but it is noticeable that his sons, who settled in Groton, were aways called Ames.

His farm was in the western part of the town near the Andover line and the birth of most of his children are recorded in Andover.

In 1665 he was appointed a member of the committee to divide Rowley and Boxford and in 1689 he served upon a similar committee to settle the line between Boxford and Topsfield. He was one of the selectmen of Boxford in 1692. On Feb. 23, 1691-2 it was voted "That the Last Tuesday in february next in*f*ewing is a pointed a daye to choues a Commity for to steat a plac for to *f*et a meting houes in and other nesesary ocations if the Town aprove of it," and at this meeting Robert Ames was appointed one of this committee. He died July 22, 1693.

REBECCA [2] BLAKE, wife of Robert Ames was born in Gloucester, Mass. in 1641. Her father George Blake, born in England in 1611, came to Gloucester with his wife Dorothy, was made freeman in 1651 and lived there until about 1675 when he removed to Boxford and settled near his daughter, Mrs. Ames, where he died in February 1698. His wife Dorothy died Dec. 12, 1702.

In August 1692 Mrs. Rebecca Ames was accused of being a witch and the "Juriors for our Sov^re^ Lord and Lady the King and Queen" brought two indictments against her; one being an "Indict^m^ agst Rebecka Eames For bewitching Tim^o^ Swan" and the other an "Indict^mt^ agst Rebecka Eames for Covenanting with ye Devil"—(Witchcraft records at Salem Vol. II P25-26).

Perley in his "History of Boxford" gives not only copies of these indictments, but a copy of Mrs. Ames' testimony, both questions asked and the answers given. These documents make interesting reading as they throw light upon the strangest episode in the history of Massachusetts.

From the testimony it would appear that not only had Mrs. Ames "bewitched" Mr. Swan, but that a lady at whose house Mrs. Ames was visiting had felt as though pins were being stuck into her foot, and she therefore knew that Mrs. Ames had "bewitched" her also.

Mrs. Ames was tried, condemned and sentenced to death on Sept. 17, 1692, but for some reason the sentence was not carried out at once and she was finally liberated with others under the reprieve of Gov. Phipps

in March 1693, and returned to her home. In 1710 Mrs. Ames made application to the General Court to have her name cleared from the stigma of conviction and also requested that suitable remuneration be made for the expense that she and her husband had incurred during her indictment and trial. This petition illustrating the unique spelling of the person who prepared it for signature, is as follows.

"Boxford, Septem 12, 1710."

"to the honred Jentlemen of the Commitey greating. It having pleased the grate and Jeneral cort to a point your honars a commity to in quire who may be propr to (be) Justified in the bill refering to the taking of the attainder and what loss and damedg hes bene sustained by reasen of the try all whitch were for witch craft in the yere 1692 Rebecka Ems relect of Roborth Ems late of Boxford dececed being aprehended for witch craft in the yere 1692 some time the begineng of Orgust and sufered Imprisnment a bove Seven months and condemned and afterwards repreved by govrner ſeps: I Rebechar emss himbly pray and de sier that the attainter may be taken of and my neme may be re stored a gain with the cost ad danedges (that) Is sustained thereby to my husband's Esteat: paid in moniy to the prision keeper and cort chardges four pounds eaighten shillings for the repreve to the gouvners clark 1lb-10s-0d for provisions and other nesecriy chardgs whils imprisened and upon my tryall expended by my husband for me whils under those dollful surcumstances I think I may safly say amounted to ten pounds more-10-00-00 Yete if the Attaintur may be taken of and my neme restored a gain I am willing to take tene pounds all whitch I leve to your honers consideration.

I re maine your humbell Sarvant

Rebeckah Emes."

(Witchcraft Records, Mass. Archives).

At the next session of the General Court this petition was granted in full and restitution was made.

1670—1724

JOHN [2] AMES, son of Robert and Rebecca (Blake) Ames, born in Boxford Oct. 11, 1670, married at Boxford Nov. 1, 1692 Priscilla Kimball, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Smith) Kimball of Bradford. She was born April 15, 1673.

The children of John and Priscilla, all born at Boxford, were:

(1) John, born Aug. 11, 1693, married Elizabeth ——,lived in Groton and died there July 30, 1743.

(2) Hannah, born Feb. 2, 1695.

(3) ———, daughter, born March 25, 1698.

(4) JACOB, born March 20, 1703 (baptised Nov. 21), married Nov. 14, 1727 Ruth Shattuck of Groton.

(5) Bethiah, born April 20, 1707 (baptised May 27).

(6) Lydia, born Feb. 24, 1710 (baptised April 1710).

(7) Stephen, born Sept. 1, 1712, married April 14, 1731 Jane Robbins. Lived in Groton.

John [2] Ames died July 9, 1724. His wife Priscilla survived him.

John [2] Ames lived in Boxford until 1717 in which year he removed to Groton. He is mentioned in the history of Boxford as a worthy citizen and was a selectman in 1699.

At Groton, Ames settled upon the intervale on the west side of the Nashua River where he built a "Garrison house." He was a member of a committee appointed by the town in 1717 to locate a bridge over the Nashua River "between Tarbells Ford and the Stoney wading place."

He was killed at the gate of his Garrison house by an Indian on July 9, 1724. The Boston News Letter of July 16, 1724 has the following. "From Groton we are informed that 5 Indians came into that place & killed one of our men upon which one of our men shot out of the Garrison and kill'd an Indian and got his scalp in order to bring it to Town and have likewise taken the Indian Packs." A more definite account of this affair is copied from Butler's History of Groton, page 110, as follows. "An Indian had been seen for several days lurking about the town, it was conjectured upon some evil design. Mr. Ames, who lived on the intervale on the west side of Nashua River, now owned by John Boynton Esq. went into his pasture to catch his horse. Discovering the Indian, he ran for his house; the Indian pursued and shot him as he entered the gate.

The dead body prevented the gates closing as it would otherwise have done of itself and the Indian pressed on to enter the house where Ames had a son and daughter. The son seized his gun and shot at him as he entered the gate. The ball, striking the latch of the door, split, and one part of it wounded the Indian but not severely. As the son attempted to close the door against the enemy after the shot, the Indian thrust his foot in and prevented.

The son called to his sister to bring his father's gun from the bedside and at the same time striking the Indian's foot with the breach of his gun, compelled him to withdraw it, and closed the door. While the Indian was in the act of reloading his gun, the young man found means to shoot through a crevice and killed him. Two men at work about a mile distant in a mill, Ezra and Benjamin Farnsworth, hearing the reports of the guns and suspecting the cause thereof were soon at the place and found the bodies of Ames and the Indian both weltering in their blood. This is the last man killed by an Indian within the limits of Groton."

PRISCILLA [3] KIMBALL, wife of John [2] Ames was the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Smith) Kimball of Bradford, Mass. Thomas was born at Rattlesden, England in 1633 and was brought to this country by his father Richard when he was but one year of age.

He lived at Watertown, Ipswich, and Hampton, N.H. and later removed to Bradford, then called Merrimack where he was one of the selectmen and a prominent citizen. On May 2, 1676 he was killed by the Indians and his wife and five children were carried away captive.

After 41 days they were released without a ransom and arrived home June 13, 1676.

Priscilla then a child of three years was one of the captives. It would seem that she had more than her share of Indian experiences.

Her father was killed by them; herself, her mother, and four brothers and sisters suffered captivity at their hands and finally her husband was killed by them, while her son Jacob shot the Indian who had just killed his father.

1703——

JACOB [3] AMES, son of John and Priscilla (Kimball) Ames, born at Boxford, March 20, 1703 (baptised Nov. 21), married at Groton Nov. 14, 1727 Ruth Shattuck, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Blood) Shattuck. She was born at Groton, Feb. 6, 1708-9.

The children of Jacob and Ruth, all born at Groton, were:

(1) Jacob, born Dec. 12, 1728, married Olive——.

(2) Samuel, born Feb. 11, 1731-2, married at Rutland July 8, 1756 Sarah Ball.

(3) Ruth, born April 23, 1735.

(4) James, born March 21, 1739, married at Rutland Dec. 8, 1761 Elizabeth Hall.

(5) Elijah, born March 27, 1741, married Prudence——.

(6) Jonathan, born July 5, 1743, married at Rutland Jan. 19, 1763 Thankful Parmenter.

(7) JOHN, born May 15, 1746, married at Rutland Nov. 20, 1769 Sarah Davis.

(8) Elizabeth, born June 13, 1749.

(9) David, born Oct. 7, 1752, probably married Margaret Mitchel and settled in Hancock, N. H. where he died Sept. 14, 1834.

HISTORY

Jacob [3] Ames spent his boyhood days in Boxboro leaving that town when 14 years of age in 1717, when his father removed to Groton. It was here at the "Garrison house" built and owned by his father, that young Jacob, seeing his father slain by an Indian, shot and killed his assailant and defended the garrison from attack until the arrival of help. Jacob was less than 21 years of age when he performed this heroic deed.

At this time there was a bounty offered in Massachusetts for Indian scalps and Jacob asked for and received compensation for his brave act as will be seen by the following petition to the General Court and its action thereon.

"A petition of Jacob Ames shewing that he was one of the Weekly Scouts near the Garrisons on the Westerly part of the town of Groton: and on the Ninth Day of July last, when it was the petitioners Week to be on Duty, a number of Indians appeared at the Garrison of the Petitioners father John Ames, and killed him at the Gate, and then rush'd violently into the Garrison to surprise the people there. And the Petitioner did with Courage and Resolution by himself defend the Garrison

and beat off the Indians, slew one of them and Scalp'd him; praying that although it happened to be his Week to be on Duty, that this Court would take the Premises into their wise and serious Consideration and grant what other Allowance more than the Establishment by Law shall seem to them meet for his aforesaid Services."

"READ—and in answer to this petition RESOLVED, that over and above the Fifteen Pounds due to the Petitioner by Law for recovering the said Scalp, and the good Services done this Province thereby, the sum of Fifteen Pounds be allowed and paid out of the Public Treasury to the said Jacob Ames for his good Service as aforesaid."

1746—1810

JOHN [4] AMES, son of Jacob and Ruth (Shattuck) Ames born at Groton May 15, 1746, married at Rutland, Mass. Nov. 20, 1769 Sarah Davis, daughter of Capt. Peter and Rebecca (Hopkinson) Davis. She was born at Rutland March 9, 1750-1.

The children of John and Sarah, were:

(1) Amos, born at Hubbardston, married Sept. 8, 1798 Eleanor Vashti of Worcester. Died before July 1809.

(2) Jonathan, born at Hubbardston, Sept. 29, 1773, married March 31, 1795 Relief Muzzy—lived in Hubbardston.

(3) Rebeckah, born at Hubbardston, Nov. 25, 1775, married Jan. 14, 1796 Daniel Read of Rutland. Died July 13, 1868.

(4) Sally, born at Rutland, Nov. 23, 1778, married Feb. 6, 1799 Jacob Wheeler, son of Capt. Adam Wheeler of Hubbardston. Settled in N. Y.

(5) Betsey, born at Rutland May 13, 1781, married at Hubbardston May 29, 1800 Moses Pond.

(6) Polly, born at Rutland Nov. 2, 1783, married March 24, 1805 Patne Randolph Taylor.

(7) Allice, born at Rutland March 13, 1786, married Nov. 17, 1811 John Rice of Rutland. Settled in Barre.

(8) LUCY, born at Rutland Oct. 27, 1788, married May 26, 1807 Eli Wheeler of Rutland. Died July 17, 1845.

(9) John, born at Rutland about 1791, married April 18, 1813 Susan Gates of Hubbardston.

John [4] Ames died at Rutland Oct. 25, 1810 aged 64 and his wife Sarah died Jan. 5, 1834 aged 83.

HISTORY

John [4] Ames came from Groton to Rutland when a young man. His brothers Samuel, James and Jonathan also settled in Rutland and married there as shown upon the Rutland records.

The first record of John in Rutland is that of his "Intentions of Marriage" with Sarah Davis dated Oct. 21, 1769, and the residence of both is given as Rutland. After his marriage he removed to Hubbardston and his first three children were born there. His name first appears upon the

records of Hubbardston March 3, 1772. He lived at Hubbardston Center where he was a constable, keeper of the pound, fence viewer and sealer of weights and measures. He was a blacksmith and also kept a hotel at which the town meetings were sometimes held. He was one of the minute men of Hubbardston at the breaking out of the Revolutionary war and marched with his company to Cambridge after the battles of Lexington and Concord April 19, 1775. The selectmen of Hubbardston made an agreement with the minute men and the settlement of this and other accounts was accepted by the town at a meeting held March 2, 1778, the second item of the account reading as follows, "2ly, paid to the minute men that Marcht after the Lexington fite, ec, ec." Among the list of recipients the name of John Ames appears as the eighth.

On March 31, 1777 he bought of his father-in-law, Capt. Peter Davis of Rutland, 300 acres of land lying upon the Ware River above North Rutland and bordering on the towns of Hubbardston and Princeton, the consideration being £566-13-6. (Worcester County Registry of Deeds B77 P.143).

On the same date he made returns as constable of his posting a warrant for a town meeting at Hubbardston, this being the last record of him in that town and he probably removed to his new purchase in Rutland immediately thereafter. On June 1, 1790 he bought of Asa Davis his brother in-law fifty acres of land adjoining his farm the consideration being £60. (Worcester Co. Registry of Deeds B109 P603).

He also owned a farm in Hubbardston being lot No. 1 near the center upon the road leading to Templeton. After his death this lot was sold to his son John who was a blacksmith and at that time a resident of Princeton. (Worcester Co. Registry of Deeds B192 P157).

John [4] Ames died Oct. 25, 1810 aged 64 years. In his will dated July 14, 1809 and allowed Nov. 6, 1810 he mentions his sons Jonathan and John Jr. his daughters Rebecca Read, Sally Wheeler, Betsey Pond, Polly Taylor and Lucy Wheeler and the children of his son Amos. (Worcester Probate Records).

There is no public record of the death of John Ames, but on a fly leaf of a Bible owned by his daughter Lucy Ames Wheeler is the following "John Ames died Oct. 25, 1810 aged 64 years 5 months and 10 days."

SARAH [5] DAVIS, wife of John [4] Ames was the daughter of Capt. Peter Davis of Rutland and was born March 9, 1750-1. She survived her husband and died at Rutland Jan. 5, 1834 aged 83.

The genealogy of her family is as follows.

——1673

CAPT. DOLOR [1] DAVIS, born in England, married Margery Willard, daughter of Richard and Margery (———) Willard.

The children of Dolor and Margery, all born in Concord, were:

(1) Ruth———married Stephen Hall.

(2) LIEUT. SIMON, born in 1636, married Dec. 12, 1660 Mary Blood.

(3) Samuel———married in 1665 Mary Meads and settled in Boxford.

Capt. Dolor [1] Davis died in Dunstable, Mass. in 1673.

HISTORY

Dolor Davis, came from England and settled in Cambridge being there as early as 1634. He was a petitioner in Groton in 1656 and owned land in Concord in 1659.

MARGERY WILLARD, wife of Dolor Davis was the daughter of Richard and Margery (———) Willard and the sister of Major Simon Willard of Concord and Lancaster.

She was born in England and came with her husband and brother to New England after the death of her father. Her brother was a very prominent man in Concord and vicinity. He was the commander of all the troops in that part of the province and a famous Indian fighter.

1636—1713

LIEUT. SIMON [2] DAVIS, son of Dolor and Margery (Willard) Davis, born (perhaps at Cambridge) in 1636 and married at Concord, Mass. Dec. 12, 1660, Mary Blood, daughter of James and Ellen (———) Blood of Concord.

The children of Simon and Mary, all born at Concord, were:

(1) DR. SIMON, born Oct. 12, 1661, married(1)Feb. 14, 1688-9 Elizabeth Woodis and (2) Mary Wood.

(2) Mary, born Oct. 3, 1663.

(3) Sarah, born March 11, 1665-6.

(4) James, born Jan. 19, 1668, married in 1701 Ann Smeadley, died Sept. 16, 1727 aged 59.

(5) Ellen, born Oct. 22, 1672.

(6) Ebenezer, born June 1, 1676, married Dinah———.

(7) Hannah, born April 1, 1679.

Lieut. Simon [2] Davis died at Concord Jan. 14, 1713 aged 77.

HISTORY

Lieut. Simon Davis was a prominent citizen of Concord and was a representative to the General Court in 1689. He owned land in Templeton in addition to his holdings in Concord. It is said that Lieut. Davis was the ancestor of three governors of Massachusetts, viz; Hon. John Davis who was Governor and also U. S. Senator; Hon. George Robinson Governor and Hon. John D. Long, Governor and also Secretary of the Navy. Lieut. Davis was one of the officers of Capt. Thomas Wheeler's expedition from Concord to Brookfield during King Philips war in 1676. This expedition was ambushed by the Indians in Brookfield and retreated to a large house which the Indians beseiged at once and attempted to set on fire. Capt. Wheeler had been wounded in the battle and had given up the active command to his Lieutenants.

In his detailed report of the expedition Capt. Wheeler says of Lieut. Davis who was defending the house.

"Simon Davis, one of the three appointed by myself as Captain to supply my place by reason of my wounds as aforesaid, he being of a lively spirit encouraged the soldiers within to fire upon the Indians; and also those that adventured out to put out the fire (which began to rage and kindle upon the house side) with these and like words, that *God is with us and fights for us and will deliver us out of the hand of these heathen*, which expressions of his the Indians hearing they shouted and scoffed, saying *now see how your God delivers you or will deliver you*, sending in many shots whilst our men were putting out the fire. But the Lord of Hosts wrought very graciously for us in preserving our bodies both within and without the house from their shots, and our house from being consumed with fire, we had but two men wounded in this attempt of theirs, but we apprehended that we killed divers of our enemies." (Hudson's History of Concord.)

Lieut. Davis was later made Captain and appointed to defend the frontier from Dunstable to Marlboro. He died at Concord June 14, 1713 aged 77 years.

1661——

DR. SIMON [3] DAVIS, son of Lieut. Simon and Mary (Blood) Davis born at Concord, Mass. Oct. 12, 1661, married (1) Feb. 14, 1688-9 Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Ellen (———) Woodis (or Woodhouse) of Concord, who died Nov. 12, 1711, and (2) Oct. 19, 1714 Mary Wood.

The children of Dr. Simon and Elizabeth, all born at Concord, were:

(1) John, born Nov. 19, 1689.
(2) Lieut. Simon, born Sept. 7, 1692, married in 1713 Dorothy —— removed to Rutland about 1720.
(3) Henry, born Feb. 23, 1694-5.
(4) Elizabeth, born March 28, 1698.
(5) Mary, born Nov. 8, 1700.
(6) Samuel, born 6th of —— 1703.
(7) Elena, born March 4, 1705-6, died Nov. 15, 1706.
(8) Ebenezer.
(9) CAPT. PETER, born Sept. 25, 1707, married at Rowley, Mass. Jan. 6, 1730-1 Rebecca Hopkinson. Settled in Rutland.

1707—1774

CAPT. PETER [4] DAVIS, son of Dr. Simon and Elizabeth (Woodis) Davis, born at Concord, Mass. Sept. 25, 1707, married (1) at Rowley, Mass. Jan. 6, 1730-1 Rebecca Hopkinson, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Hunt) Hopkinson, born Jan. 26, 1713-4 died March 3, 1774, and (2) Dec. 15, 1774 Mrs. Hannah Smith.

The children of Capt. Peter and Rebecca, all born at Rutland, were:

(1) Lieut. Peter, born Nov. 14, 1732, married May 1, 1758 Mary Howe of Rutland. Died Jan. 2, 1781.

(2) Elizabeth, born Feb. 11, 1734-5, married June 5, 1754 John Frink.

(3) Phineas, born July 19, 1737, died Jan.—1771.

(4) Rebecca, born Dec. 30, 1740, married June 3, 1758 Jotham Bellows.

(5) Asa, born Oct. 17, 1743, married Aug. 27, 1769 Mary Smith.

(6) Ruth, born May 27, 1746, married March 11, 1766 Breed Batchelor.

(7) SARAH, born March 9, 1750-1, married Nov. 20, 1769 John Ames of Rutland. Died Jan. 5, 1834.

HISTORY

Capt. Peter Davis spent his early life in Concord, but removed to Rutland probably at the time of his marriage, following his brother, Lieut. Simon, who had been in Rutland about ten years. He became quite prominent in the town, a large land owner and the most wealthy citizen save one. Previous to 1759 he built a saw and grist mill on the Ware River at North Rutland, on the site now occupied by Moulton's Mills.

To this mill grain was brought from places within a radius of ten or twelve miles.

Read, the historian of Rutland, says of him, "He was an early riser and was in his mill before the daylight shone from the East."

Capt. Davis was an enterprising man and filled several town offices.

He was an officer in the militia and was in command of the company that marched from Rutland to the relief of Fort William Henry at Lake George, N. Y. in 1757.

REBECCA [4] HOPKINSON, wife of Capt. Peter Davis, was the daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Hunt) Hopkinson of Rowley. Her father was a descendant of Michael (or Migill) Hopkinson. (Jeremiah [2] Michael [1]).

Her mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel [3] Hunt of Concord (Isaac [2] William [1]). She married Jeremiah Hunt June 9, 1705.

1771——1853

ISAAC [5] WHEELER, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Stone) Wheeler born at Rutland Dec. 2, 1771, married at Rutland Jan. 29, 1804 Betsey Murray, daughter of Alexander and Elinor (Sloan) Murray of Rutland.

The children of Isaac and Betsey, all born at Garland, Maine, were:

(1) Reuben, born Sept. 20, 1804, died—1824.

(2) SARAH MURRAY, born April 5, 1806, married on June 18, 1830, Hon. Charles Parsons Chandler of Foxcroft, Maine. Died Dec. 7, 1881.

(3) CALVIN SANGER, born April 20, 1808, married Nov. 10, 1830, Harriet Partridge of Sherborn, Mass. Soldier in Aroostock boundary war. Died in camp at Houlton, Maine, 1839.

(4) ALMIRA SLOAN, born July 17, 1814, married Dec. 6, 1832 Dea. Caleb Prentiss of Foxcroft, Me. Died in So. Paris, Feb. 17, 1881.

(5) DR. ISAAC, born June 19, 1817, married July 20, 1837 Martha Springer Norcross of Charleston, Me. Soldier in Aroostock boundary war. Removed to Cedar Mills, Minn. and died there Oct. 11, 1898.

HISTORY

Isaac [5] Wheeler was in Maine as early as the year 1800 when he was a member of a surveying party engaged in laying out lots in the townships comprising the "Waldo Patent," a tract of land 36 miles square lying on both sides of the Kenduskeag River a few miles north west of Bangor.

He selected lot No. 7 in the sixth range and his brother-in-law James Holbrook bought the west part of lot No. 7 in the fifth range. In 1802 Isaac built a log cabin on this lot bringing his wife there in 1804, being one of the first three settlers in what is now known as the town of Garland, Maine. Isaac and his wife made visits to their native town, Rutland, Mass. in 1807 and 1809. On the first visit they went from Bangor to Boston in a sailing vessel, and on the second, accompanied by his brother-in-law John S. Haskell and his wife, who was a sister of Mrs. Wheeler, they rode horseback through the forest about 60 miles to Winthrop, Me., each couple carrying a child on the horse with them.

At Winthrop they obtained a wagon in which to complete their journey.

In 1810, while Maine was a province of Massachusetts, Isaac was a signer of a petition to the General Court of Mass. praying for the incorporation of the town of Garland and on March 16, 1811, in his capacity of Justice of the Peace, he issued a warrant for the first town meeting to be held in the new town.

This meeting was held on April 1, 1811 at the house of Isaac Wheeler, and town meetings thereafter were held in his house until 1816 when it was held in a schoolhouse. Isaac was elected upon the first board of selectmen and was 15 yrs. its chairman, and was also the first town treasurer, and was elected to these and other offices for many years. His house was a little north of the present location of the Free Baptist Church where the house of F. D. Ward now is. Isaac built the first store in the village and the building is still occupied as a store by Mr. Knight. He also owned a saw mill in town. In 1828, he with two other men organized the first temperance society in Garland. He was a deacon in the First Congregational Church of Garland. He died March 14, 1853, and his wife Betsey died May 21, 1855. His tomb stone records the fact that he was the "First inhabitant of Garland."

Betsey Murray, wife of Isaac Wheeler, was the daughter of Alexander [2] Murray of Rutland, Mass. Her father was the son of Col. John Murray who came probably from Scotland in the early years of the 18th century and married Elizabeth McClanathan a fellow passenger who came over upon the same ship.

Col. Murray rose from penury to become the richest and most influential man in Rutland. He owned several farms here and elsewhere, represented the town for 20 years and was made a "Mandamus Councilor" before the Revolution. This aroused the people and he fled with his family to New Brunswick and settled there. His son Alexander was loyal to this country and served during the Revolution and was wounded and thereafter drew a pension from the government.

The lands of Col. John were confiscated but one farm was reserved for Alexander.

Alexander married Elinor Sloan, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Sloan.

1782——

REUBEN [5] WHEELER, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Stone) Wheeler, born at Rutland May 3, 1782, married at Lancaster Dec. 17, 1807 Sally Whitney, daughter of Jonathan and Lucy (Smith) Whitney, born at Lancaster Oct. 19, 1786.

The children of Reuben and Sally, were:

(1) Sarah Augusta, born at Hubbardston Oct. 24, 1808.

(2) Nancy Buttrick, born at Hubbardston Nov. 13, 1810.

Both of the above were baptised at Worcester June 2, 1816.

(3) Harrison, born July 4, 1812, died at Worcester Aug. 23, 1813.

(4) William Harrison, born at Worcester Feb. 13, 1817.

(5) Charles Whitney baptised at Worcester Dec. 23, 1821.

HISTORY

Reuben Wheeler settled at Hubbardston and afterward removed to Worcester where the birth and death of some members of his family are recorded.

Later he removed to Boston where he was proprietor of a hotel. No record of his death has been found.

1782—1840

LUTHER [5] WHEELER, son of Abraham and Jemima (Walker) Wheeler, born at Rutland Sept. 23, 1782, married (1) April 3, 1824 Sarah Childs of Rutland who died Oct. 31, 1826, and (2) April 29, 1827 Sarah Hooper.

The child of Luther and Sarah (Childs) Wheeler was:

(1) Sarah Melissa Ames, born at Rutland Feb. 25, 1825.

The children of Luther and Sarah (Hooper) Wheeler, were:

(2) Ruth Cordelia, born April 14, 1828.

(3) Lucinda Read, born April 7, 1830.

(4) Maria, born June 18, 1834.

Luther ([5]) Wheeler died July 25, 1840 aged 58.

1785——

ROWLAND [5] WHEELER, son of Abraham and Jemima (Walker) Wheeler, born at Rutland Oct. 21, 1785, married April 10, 1810 Lydia Gates, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Roper) Gates of Rutland.

The children of Rowland and Lydia, all born at Rutland, were:

(1) Hiram, born Jan.—1811, died March 27, 1812.

(2) Sarah Jemima, born Dec. 6, 1812, died June 24, 1824.

(3) Hiram Madison, born Nov. 20, 1814, married (1) March 31, 1836 Eliza B. Hawes of Rutland who died Jan. 2, 1849 and (2) Mary Jane Smith of Charlestown.

(4) Abigail Blodgett, born Aug. 20, 1816, married Wm. S. Rollins. Intentions Nov. 5, 1836.

(5) Catherine Muzzy, born June 26, 1818, married Alpheus Harding of Barre. Intentions Feb. 11, 1837.

(6) Elvira, born Feb. 25, 1820, married April 4, 1844 Thomas B. Howe of North Brookfield.

(7) Martha Richmond, born July 5, 1825, married Joseph Miles of Rutland.

(8) Paul, born July 13, 1828, married Mrs. Mary Jane (Smith) Wheeler, died at Rutland, Nov. 22, 1914.

CHAPTER VI

Sixth Generation and Allied Families

1818—1899

DANIEL READ [6] WHEELER, son of Eli and Lucy (Ames) Wheeler, born at Rutland July 5, 1818, married at Searsburg, Vt. Aug. 10, 1845 Mrs. Susan (Halladay) White, daughter of Nathan and Susanna (Adams) Halladay, born at Marlboro, Vt., Dec. 17, 1810.

The children of Daniel R. and Susan, all born at Rutland, were:

(1) DANIEL MERRICK, born July 3, 1846, married Nov. 19, 1868 Arvilla Jane Putnam of Worcester.

(2) Daughter born March 10, 1848, died the same day.

(3) WALTER ADAMS, born Aug. 14, 1850, married (1) Emma F. Newell of Holden who died Nov. 5, 1885, and (2) Mrs. Mary (Wedge) King. Died at Rutland Sept. 7, 1922.

(4) ABBIE ALMIRA, born June 15, 1855, married July 28, 1874 Ellis Peterson of Boston. Died at Wilmington, N. C. April 20, 1919.

Daniel R. Wheeler died at Rutland, May 8, 1899 aged 81, and his wife Susan died on May 7, 1902 aged 91 years and 5 months.

HISTORY

Daniel R. Wheeler learned the trade of a shoemaker and in 1838 built a shoe shop in the angle formed by the Wachusett and Muschopauge Roads opposite the Wheeler homestead on land which he afterwards bought of Levi Bartlett, the deed being dated June 7, 1845. In this shop he manufactured boots, employing several men and continued the business until 1854 with the exception of the years 1843-4 and 5 when he worked at the same business at the Walker shop in Worcester at the corner of Lincoln Square and Summer St.

In 1845, at Searsburg, Vt., he married Mrs. Susan (Halladay) White, whose acquaintance he had made in Rutland upon her occasional visits to her cousin Susan Britton, wife of Col. Howe, and settled at once upon the Rutland farm.

In April 1846, the old house, which had been built by Isaac [3] Wheeler in 1756, was torn down and the present two story double house was erected, the family moving in on June 30, 1846.

On account of ill health, brought on by continued indoor work at his trade, he was forced in 1854 to give up his business and become a farmer.

Daniel R. Wheeler (about 1850)

Daniel R. Wheeler (about 1895)

Susan (Halladay) Wheeler (about 1895)

Susan (Halladay) Wheeler
(about 1850)

WHEELER HOUSE, RUTLAND (1846 to 1896)

Previous to this, on April 19, 1848 his father Eli Wheeler, had deeded to him a one half interest in the farm then containing 85 acres. (Worcester Co. Registry of Deeds B513 P526).

He sold his shop, which was removed to the village of Lovellville in Holden and thereafter devoted himself to the farm.

On Jan. 7, 1854 and May 19, 1854 he bought of Sparrow Crosby and Charles D. Smith, the two lots that had been sold by his father to Isaac Davis in 1818. (Worcester Co. Registry of Deeds B520 P452 and Book 527 P437).

On March 8, 1854 he bought from the descendants of his great grandfather John Stone, about two acres bordering on the west end of Muschopauge pond.

In 1854 he began cutting off the heavy timber on the farm hauling it by teams to the Osgood Bradley Car works, the Ames Plow Co. and other large concerns in Worcester and also selling wood in the market. On June 19, 1856 he bought of Joel Temple about 19 acres of mowing and pasture land on the west side of the farm, this being the land sold by his father to John Wheeler in 1824. (Wor. Co. Registry of Deeds B556 P170).

In 1855 he remodeled the barn, raising it and putting underneath a cellar and in 1862 he built an extension to the original building making it 36' x 80'.

In 1857 he built an addition to the west wing of the house.

In addition to his own farm he carried on for one or more years each, the Whittemore farm about one mile north of Rutland Center and the Samuel Stone place, later owned by Joseph Miles, near Rutland Summit.

On Jan. 31, 1860 he bought of Geo. W. Chamberlain of Waltham, the estate that had formerly been the homestead of his great grandfather John Stone, containing 58 acres extending from the Hardwick Turnpike (now the Central Tree Road) to the southern shore of Muschopauge pond. This is the land upon which the State Sanatorium has since been built as also the pumping station of the Rutland Water Works.

On April 13, 1868 he bought of C. L. Stockwell and Franklin Hathaway about 15 acres adjoining the farm on the east, this being a portion of the lot sold by his great grandfather Isaac [3] to David Rice in 1762. (Worcester Registry of Deeds B762 P646 and B794 P662).

At various times between 1861 and 1896 he bought small pieces of land adjacent to and necessary for the symmetry of his estate. These were the Briant, Estabrook, Miles, and Munroe Meadows on the west and the Henshaw lot on the east side of the farm.

On April 17, 1882 he bought of Lucy P. Campbell the farm and buildings sold by his father and grandfather to John Estabrook in 1818. (Worcester Co. Registry of Deeds B1118 P31). This place he afterwards sold to his son-in-law Ellis Peterson of Boston and it has since been used as a summer residence for his family.

In 1871 work was begun upon the Massachusetts Central Railroad which passes through the farm for one half mile following the valley of Harwoods brook through the meadows, but it was not until June 28, 1887 that it was completed and opened for regular trains.

A station named Muschopauge was located about one half mile from the house, and within a few rods of the east line of the farm. He was much interested in this railroad and was a small stockholder in it. He made two trips to the west in 1884 and 1887 with his wife visiting his eldest son, and going to points in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota.

In the autumn of 1895 the trustees of the State Sanatorium came to Rutland in search of a suitable location for the hospital about to be built and called at the Wheeler home for information. The story of their coming is best told by the following letter from the chairman of the Board, Hon. John C. Hammond of Northampton.

Northampton, Mass. March 17, 1900.

D. M. Wheeler, Esq.,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sir:- Since the death of your father my mind has returned with interest to the pleasant acquaintance I had with him in the few years of his life after I first met him at Rutland late in the fall of 1895. It was a most impressing exhibition of clearness of mind, bodily vigor and public spirit on the part of your father. It had been arranged that the Trustees of the Hospital for Consumptives would meet at Rutland and examine Muschopauge Hill as a possible location for the institution. On the way to Rutland the Hon. Charles E. Stevens of Ware told me of his acquaintance made in the Legislature, with your brother and that he or some of the family would undoubtedly be able to give us valuable information. The trustees secured a conveyance and drove to your father's home. The driver took us into the yard and your father seeing us, came out. Our party introduced ourselves and stated to him our errand and said we understood he could point out the lands of the different owners and show us some convenient point for viewing the proposed location. He answered immediately that it would give him great pleasure to do anything to accommodate us and he should be very glad if his native town could have a state institution located within its borders and he would gladly do anything which he could. He added—"gentlemen while your driver is turning around I will saddle the old horse and be with you." Within the time that it took to turn around your father came out of the barn on horse back and led the way to the top of the hill and pointed out in a general way the lands of the different owners and added his own commendation of the location. With another assurance that he should be glad to give us any aid which it was in his power to render he turned away saying that if he could do nothing further he would get home out of the November winds, and promptly galloped away. It was a great pleasure to all the trustees to meet him, whenever they could, on their visits to Rutland. His vigor of mind and body and his interest in this public enterprise was always notable. All the trustees join with your family in mourning his loss.

Yours very truly,
John C. Hammond.

Daniel R. Wheeler was more than 77 years old at this time. The result of this visit was the purchase of a site of 184 acres, fifty eight of which were taken from the Wheeler farm it being nearly all the John Stone farm that had been bought by Daniel R. Wheeler. The state built an avenue 100 ft. wide across this property to the junction of the Wachusett and Muschopauge Roads opposite the Wheeler house and the trustees voted to name it Wheeler Avenue.

Daniel R. Wheeler died May 8, 1899 and was buried in the Rutland Rural Cemetery, near the lot where his father, mother, brothers and sisters were laid.

Mr. Wheeler was a man of excellent character and habits, always found upon the right side of moral questions, enterprising and full of public spirit.

The Mass. Central R. R., the new Hotel, town water works, the State Hospital, the new town hall, and in fact all improvements in the town found in him an earnest advocate in voice and vote. He was especially interested in the public schools and in good roads. He took the farm when at its lowest acreage, and through his industry and good management increased its size from 85 to 250 acres, besides acquiring a farm 160 acres near Mound City, South Dakota. He was a Republican in politics, an earnest abolitionist before and during the civil war and an uncompromising foe to rum and tobacco. While not of a florid complexion, he had ruddy cheeks, and once, while talking to an inebriate, he was met by the answer that "a man with such red cheeks shouldn't talk temperance to anyone else."

His life spanned that period of time most prolific in inventions and he lived to see many changes in all departments.

When he was a boy there were no steam, electric, or even horse railroads, no steam vessels, telegraphs, ocean cables, or telephones, no electric lights or even coal oil lamps, no steam engines of any kind, to say nothing of automobiles and bicycles and the fastest means of communication was the stage coach and sailing vessel. He lived to see fast trains running through his farm and both telegraph and telephone instruments used in his own house.

When he was a boy teams took the produce of the farm fifty miles to Boston, the nearest market, to be exchanged for groceries and other goods. Later his market was at Worcester, 12 miles distant, but before he died it was practically at the depot, one half mile from his house. It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that greater material changes occurred and more important improvements were made during his lifetime than in all previous history.

Both Daniel R. Wheeler and his wife were members of the first Congregational Church in Rutland.

SUSAN [6] HALLADAY, wife of Daniel R. Wheeler was the daughter of Nathan and Susanna (Adams) Halladay and was born at Marlboro, Vt. Dec. 17, 1810.

When she was five years old, the family started for Ohio, but suffered shipwreck on Lake Erie and returned to Buffalo where her father died in 1816. Then the family returned to Marlboro, Vt. and the children went to work to support themselves. Susan lived for some years with her uncle, Capt. Simeon Adams of Marlboro and afterwards learned the tailor's trade working with her older sister Almira, and also at Colrain, Mass. with a tailor named Russell.

She married (1) Lewis White who lived but a short time and on Aug. 10, 1845 at the house of her brother, Henry Halladay, on the banks of the Deerfield River at Searsburg, Vt. she married Daniel R. Wheeler and went to Rutland where she spent the remainder of her life, almost 57 years.

For the ancestry of Susan Halladay, wife of Daniel R. Wheeler, see Chapters 10 and 11.

1827—1852

ISAAC MERRILL [6] WHEELER, son of Eli and Lucy (Ames) Wheeler born at Rutland, Dec. 28, 1827, married Dec. 14, 1848 Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of George W. and Catherine (Winch) Gibbs of Westminster. She was born Oct. 6, 1828.

The children of Merrill and Sarah were:

(1) EMMA ELISABETH, born at Rutland, Oct. 20, 1849, married Oct. 18, 1871 Charles T. Damon of Westminster.

(2) MERRILL HERBERT (recorded as Herbert Merrill) born at Rutland, Aug. 18, 1851 (recorded as Aug. 14,) married at Angelica, Wis., May 26, 1875 Cora Adelaide Kelley.

(3) REV. WARREN ELI, born at Westminster, April 2, 1853, married (1) Aug. 28, 1879 Katherine Angel Lord and (2) July 11, 1904 Kate Ellis Adams.

HISTORY

Isaac Merrill Wheeler was educated at Williston Seminary at Easthampton and at Westminster Academy in Westminster, Mass.

When twenty one years of age he petitioned the Legislature for leave to change his name to Merrill Wheeler, leaving off his first name, Isaac.

This petition was granted and he was known thereafter as Merrill Wheeler.

He settled in Westminster where he started a shoe shop which, had he lived to complete his plans, would probably have developed into one of the earlier shoe factories of New England.

He died at Westminster, Sept. 5, 1852 at the early age of twenty five. His widow Sarah died at the same place Feb. 22, 1867.

Both were buried in the Rutland Rural Cemetery.

1812—1848

LUCY AMES [6] WHEELER, daughter of Eli and Lucy (Ames) Wheeler, born at Rutland, Nov. 17, 1812, married April 29, 1830, Joel Baker, son of Joel and Polly (Damon) Baker of Westminster. He was born March 11, 1802.

Their children, born at Rutland, were:

(1) Charles Wheeler, born Dec. 11, 1831.

(2) George Luke, born May 5, 1834.

Mrs. Lucy Wheeler Baker died at Rutland Sept. 29, 1848 and her husband Joel died at Bolton, Mass. June 22, 1881. Both are buried in the Rutland Rural Cemetery.

1814—1852

HIRAM MADISON [6] WHEELER, son of Rowland and Lydia (Gates) Wheeler, born at Rutland, Mass. Nov. 20, 1814, married (1) March 31, 1836 Eliza R. Hawes who died Jan. 2, 1849 and (2) Mary Jane Smith, daughter of George and Harriet A. Smith. She was born Oct. 2, 1833 and died Sept. 21, 1881. He died at Rutland Nov. 22, 1914.

The child of Hiram M. and Mary J. was:

(1) Mary Eliza, born at Rutland Oct. 10, 1851, married Sept. 30, 1873 Chandler Jackson Green.

Hiram M. Wheeler died Dec. 1, 1852 and his widow Mary J. married July 13, 1828 Paul Wheeler.

1828—1914

PAUL [6] WHEELER, son of Rowland and Lydia (Gates) Wheeler born at Rutland, Mass. July 13, 1828, married (1) Mrs. Mary Jane (Smith) Wheeler, widow of Hiram M. Wheeler, who died Sept. 21, 1881, and (2) Helen Elizabeth Dean, daughter of Erastus and Amelia (Gates) Dean who died Oct. 20, 1908. He died Nov. 22, 1914.

The child of Paul and Mary Jane was:

(1) Hiram Edward, born at Rutland March 27, 1860, married March 27, 1882 Nancy Della Putnam.

1817—1898

DR. ISAAC [6] WHEELER, son of Isaac [5] and Betsey (Murray) Wheeler born at Garland, Maine, June 19, 1817, married July 20, 1837 Martha Springer Norcross of Charleston, Maine.

The children of Isaac and Martha were:

(1) Ellen, born at Garland, Me., Sept. 20, 1838, died Sept. 20, 1841.

(2) Augusta, born at Garland, Me., July 21, 1840, married Dec. 23, 1860 Wesby Ireland of Garland, Me. Died at Wabash, Ind. Jan. 26, 1910.

(3) Emma, born at Garland, Me. Aug. 4, 1842. Died Aug. 3, 1844.

(4) Reuben, born at Bangor, Me., May 25, 1844, married Nov. 11, 1866 Melvina Nichols of Cedar Mills, Minn. Living at Litchfield, Minn.

(5) Ella, born at Frankfort, Me. Sept. 23, 1846, married Aug. 8, 1868 George Hart. Lived at Lake Lillian, Minn. Now living in Wabash, Ind.

(6) Mary, born at Garland, Me. Nov. 4, 1848, married Aug. 8, 1868 Allen King. Now living in Wabash, Ind.

(7) Frank Eli, born at Garland, Me. Jan. 1, 1851, married Oct. 11, 1874 Lucy Porter of Cedar Mills, Minn. Now living at Wabash, Ind.

(8) Isaac Newton, born at Garland, Me. April 14, 1852, married Oct. 11, 1874 Emma Lisdell of Cedar Mills, Minn. Now living at Devils Lake, No. Dakota.

(9) Sarah, born at Garland, Me. Aug. 19, 1854, married Nov. 3, 1873 Lewis Morgan of Cedar Mills. Now living at Wabash, Ind.

(10) Isetta, born at Garland, Me. Feb. 4, 1858, married Sept.—1880 John Ulsh of Wabash, Ind.

(11) Ruth, born at Fair Haven, Minn. Aug. 17, 1862, died Oct. 4, 1864.

HISTORY

Dr. Isaac Wheeler lived at Garland, and Frankfort, Maine where he practiced medicine. He removed to Fair Haven, Minnesota in 1861 and later to Cedar Mills, Meeker County, Minn., where he died Oct. 11, 1898. His wife died at the same place May 11, 1876.

1806—1881

SARAH MURRAY [6] WHEELER, daughter of Isaac [5] and Betsey (Murray) Wheeler, born at Garland, Maine April 5, 1806, married June 18, 1830 Charles Parsons Chandler son of Judge Peleg and Esther (Parsons) Chandler.

Charles P. died at Foxcroft, Me., Nov. 17, 1857 and Sarah M. died at the same place Dec. 7, 1881.

The children of Charles P. and Sarah M. were:

(1) Emily Sarah, born at Dover, Me. Aug. 25, 1831, married May 13, 1858 Hon. E. J. Hale. Died at Foxcroft March 26, 1904.

(2) Charles Peleg, born at Foxcroft, Me., Jan. 4, 1835, graduated Bowdoin College 1854, Harvard Law School 1857. Was Cap't., Major, Lt. Col. and Col. of 1st Mass. Infantry. Killed in battle of Malvin Hill, Va. June 30, 1862.

(3) MARY ESTHER, born at Foxcroft, Me., March 16, 1837, married at Foxcroft June 7, 1860 Hon. Charles Winthrop Lowell.

1809—1839

CALVIN SANGER [6] WHEELER, son of Isaac and Betsey (Murray) Wheeler, born at Garland, Me., April 20, 1809, married Nov. 10, 1830 Harriet Partridge of Sherborn, Mass.

The child of Calvin S. and Harriet was:

(1) Eliza Harriet, born Sept. 19, 1831, married——Austin. Two children—one Stella born July 27, 185-; married ——Eaton.

HISTORY

Calvin Sanger Wheeler was a soldier in the Aroostook boundary war. Died in camp at Houlton, Maine in March 1839.

1814—1889

ALMIRA SLOAN [6] WHEELER, daughter of Isaac [5] and Betsey Murray Wheeler, born at Garland, Me., July 17, 1814, married Dec. 6, 1832 Caleb Prentiss of South Paris, Me., son of Dea Caleb and Mary (Morgan) Prentiss. Caleb died at Paris Hill March 18, 1848 and his wife Almira at South Paris, Me. Feb. 17, 1889.

The children of Caleb and Almira S., all born at Foxcroft, Me., were:

(1) Augusta Mellen, born March 3, 1834, married at South Paris, Me. Sept. 13, 1855, Silas P. Maxim.

(2) Caleb Henry, born April 17, 1836, married May 19, 1859 Ellen Martha Jordan.

(3) George Addison, born March 8, 1839, died July 17, 1841.

(4) Edwin Charles, born June 2, 1842, married June 25, 1869 in Lubec, Me., Celia A. Cushing. Died at Brighton, Mass. Dec. 25, 1880.

(5) Mellen Grenville, born Dec. 17, 1844, married Aug. 23, 1866 Lydia Rebecca Merrill.

CHAPTER VII

Seventh Generation and Allied Families

1846——

DANIEL MERRICK [7] WHEELER, son of Daniel Read and Susan (Halladay) Wheeler, born at Rutland, Mass. July 3, 1846, married at Worcester, Nov. 19, 1868 Arvilla Jane Putnam, daughter of Chandler P. and Sarah Jane (Houghton) Putnam. She was born at Whitingham, Vermont Jan. 10, 1848 and died at Springfield, Mass. Oct. 9, 1918. He married (2) at Hoosick Falls, N. Y. March 29, 1924 Mrs. Rosa A. (Atherton) Chase, daughter of Shubael and Fanny (Parker) Atherton, born at Whitingham, Vt. July 19, 1849.

The children of Daniel M. and Arvilla J. were:

(1) ETHEL ARVILLA, born at Worcester Oct. 14, 1869, married at Winona, Minn. Jan. 28, 1891 Henry R. Chase of Minneapolis.

(2) MILTON MERRICK, born at Worcester, Nov. 30, 1870, married Nov. 10, 1897, Jessie McLarren of Lower Argyle, N. S.

(3) Ralph Morton, born at Worcester June 13, 1872, died June 20, 1872.

(4) INEZ VIOLA, born at Worcester, Aug. 22, 1874, married at Minneapolis, Minn. Jan. 31, 1894 Edmund R. Kinsey of St. Louis.

(5) Abbie, born at Rutland, Mass. June 8, 1880, died at Winslow, Ark. Aug. 19, 1881.

(6) CLARA SUSAN, born at Winslow, Ark., June 25, 1882, married at Worcester, Mass. Dec. 9, 1902 Charles F. Harris.

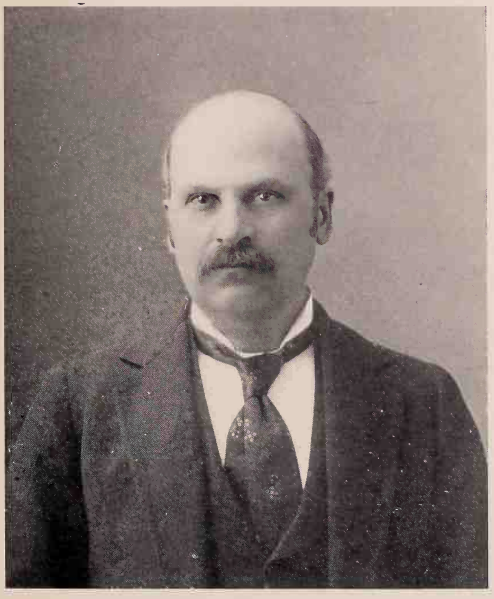
(7) Grace Leota, born at Winona, Minn. Nov. 23, 1891, graduate of Mt. Holyoke College in 1916.

HISTORY

Daniel M. Wheeler remained upon his father's farm at Rutland until he had gone through the public schools, when he entered Worcester Academy remaining there four years with the exception of one winter when he taught school at Rye, N. H.

From Worcester Academy he entered the Mass. Institute of Technology in Boston and was a special student in the first class that was graduated from that institution in 1868.

Daniel M. Wheeler



Merrill Herbert Wheeler

Rev. Warren E. Wheeler

WHEELER HOUSE, RUTLAND (1896 to ——)

He followed his profession, that of a civil engineer, first, at Worcester where he was for ten years a member of the engineering firm of Buttrick & Wheeler. During portions of this time he was locating engineer on the Mass. Central R. R. and the Lancaster R. R. and also located and built the Worcester & Shrewsbury R. R.,-the first narrow guage road in New England.

He was also for several years engineer for the state of Mass. in charge of building the Worcester Lunatic Hospital at Bloomingdale, Worcester.

In 1878 he was appointed chief engineer of the Magdalena Railroad in Columbia, South America and thereafter confined his work to railroads almost exclusively. He sailed for South America in Feb. 1879 with his wife and youngest daughter Inez, making his headquarters at Honda, Colombia. He held this position for a little more than two years.

From Jan. 1, 1881 to Jan. 1, 1884 he was Assistant Engineer on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway having charge of building a line through the Ozark Mts. in Missouri and Arkansas including the Boston Mt. Tunnel, several important bridges and much heavy mountain work. Later he had charge of maintenance and reconstruction work on about 700 miles of the same road in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and the Indian Territory—now Oklahoma. From Jan. 1884 to March 1885 he was Ass't. Chief Eng'r of the B. C. R. & N. Ry., now a part of the Chi. Rock Island & Pacific Ry. and had charge of locating and building 165 miles of road in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota with headquarters and residence at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

From March 1885 to April 1886 he was Ass't Chief Eng'r of the St. P. & N. P. Ry. and had charge of Building the Northern Pacific double track line between St. Paul and Minneapolis and several branches, with headquarters in Minneapolis. This work included the Westminster Tunnel in St. Paul, the Northern Pacific double track bridge over the Mississippi River at Minneapolis and the N. P. Shops at Como, between the two cities. In 1886 he was Chief Eng'r of the D. W. & P. Ry. with headquarters at Watertown, South Dakota and also of the Wisconsin, Minnesota & Pacific Ry. with headquarters at Minneapolis. For the latter Co. he located and built a line from Eagle Lake to Mankato, Minn. From Jan. 1, 1887 to April 1888 he was Division Engineer and later Acting Chief Engineer of the Minn., St. Paul & S. Ste. Marie Ry., building from Minneapolis, across Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan to Sault Ste Marie, Mich. and from Minneapolis into North Dakota, his headquarters being Minneapolis.

From April 1888 to Feb. 1892 he was Chief Eng'r and Superintendent of the Winona & South Western Ry. with headquarters at Winona, Minn. and built that road from Winona, Minn. to Osage, Iowa, 117 miles, and was also in charge of operation.

This line is now a part of the Chicago Great Western Ry. He was also Chief Engineer of the Winona Bridge Ry. and had charge of building the lower draw bridge over the Mississippi River at Winona. At the same time he had charge of the extension of the Green Bay Winona &

St. Paul Ry. from Marshland, Wis. to the above named bridge. From Feb. 1892 to Sept. 1893 he was Ass't Sup't of the Southwestern Co. with headquarters at St. Charles, Mo. and residence at St. Louis and had charge of building, the extension of the Mo., Kan. & Texas Ry. from Boonville to St. Louis about 170 miles along the north bank of the Missouri River. In 1894 he was appointed State Inspector of Railroads by the Railroad Commission of Mass. and continued in this position until retired by age limit in July 1916. In April 1917 he was appointed Consulting Engineer of the Berkshire St. Ry. and on Feb. 1921 Chief Engineer of the same company which position he still continues to hold.

He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Worcester County Mechanics Assn., the National Geographic Society and the Alumni Assn. of the Mass. Institute of Technology. He is also a member of the Congregational Church.

The residence of the family has been as follows: Worcester, Mass., Honda, Colombia, South America; Fayetteville, Ark; Winslow, Ark; Chadwick, Mo; Springfield, Mo; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Minneapolis, Minn; Winona, Minn; St. Louis, Mo; Rutland, Mass; Worcester, Mass; Springfield, Mass. and Pittsfield, Mass.

ARVILLA JANE [8] PUTNAM, wife of Daniel M. Wheeler, was the daughter of Chandler P. and Sarah J. (Houghton) Putnam and was born at Whitingham, Vt. Jan. 10, 1848.

Her family lived first in the south part of the town about one half mile north east of the farm of her paternal grandfather, James Houghton.

Later her father bought a farm near the village of Sadawga Springs (now Whitingham Center,) where they lived until 1861 when they removed to Worcester, Mass.

She attended the public schools in Whitingham and Worcester and afterwards entered Worcester Academy, then a school for both sexes, located on the corner of Summer and Belmont streets, remaining there from 1864 to 1867 inclusive.

She taught school in Shrewsbury before her marriage.

By references to the following pages it will be seen that she, as well as her husband, was descended from John Prescott the founder of Lancaster. (See record of James [2] Houghton in following pages).

She died at her home in Springfield, Mass. Oct. 9, 1918 aged 70 years and 9 months, beloved by all who knew her. She was buried in the Wheeler lot in the Rural Cemetery at Rutland.

The genealogy of her family is as follows.

According to the genealogy of the Putnam family published by Mr. Eben Putnam the name was at first De Puttenham.

XVII. Simon De Puttenham, in England in 1199
XVI. Ralph, in England in 1217
XV. Richard, in England in 1273
XIV. John, in England in 1291

XIII. Thomas, 1272 to 1307
XII. Roger, High Sheriff for Herts 1322
XI. Henry, about 1300 to 1350
X. Sir Roger, about 1320 to 1380
IX. William
VIII. Henry, about 1408 to 1473
VII. William, married Anne de Hampden, about 1430 to 1492
VI. Nicholas
V. Henry of Eddlesboro, about 1527
IV. Richard of Eddlesboro, about 1523 to 1556
III. John, 1573
II. Nicolas, married Margaret Goodspeed, 1598
I. John, settled in Salem, Mass, about 1580 to 1662

1582—1662

JOHN [1] PUTNAM, son of Nicholas and Margaret (Goodspeed) Putnam, born in England (baptised Jan. 17, 1579-80,) married about 1612 Priscilla Deacon.

The children of John and Priscilla, all born at Astor Abbots, Buckinghamshire, England, were:

(1) Elizabeth, baptised Dec. 20, 1612.

(2) Lieut. Thomas, baptised Mar. 7, 1614-15, married Oct. 17, 1643 Ann Holyoke.

(3) John, baptised Mar. 7, 1614-15, buried Nov. 5, 1620.

(4) NATHANIEL, baptised Oct. 11, 1619, married Elizabeth Hutchinson.

(5) Sara, baptised Mar. 7, 1622-3.

(6) Phoebe, baptised July 28, 1624.

(7) Capt. John, baptised May 27, 1627.

John [1] Putnam died at Salem Dec. 30, 1662, aged about 83 years.

HISTORY

John [1] Putnam, with his wife and children, came from England to Salem, Mass. in 1640. He was received into the Salem Church in 1647, his wife having previously joined in 1641. He was a man prominent in the early affairs of the colony and possessed considerable property. He was the great grandfather of Israel Putnam, the senior Major General of the U. S. Army during the revolution, and great great grandfather of Gen. Rufus Putnam, Washington's Chief Engineer, who planned and built in one night upon Dorchester Heights the fortifications which compelled the evacuation of Boston by the British.

1619—1700

NATHANIEL [2] PUTNAM, son of John and Priscilla (Deacon) Putnam baptised at Astor Abbots, Buckinghamshire, England Oct. 11, 1619 married at Salem, Mass. Elizabeth Hutchinson, daughter of Richard and Alice (Bosworth) Hutchinson of Salem. She was born at Arnold, England Aug. 20, 1629.

The children of Nathaniel and Elizabeth, all born in Salen, were:

(1) Samuel, born Feb. 18, 1652-3, married Elizabeth———

(2) Nathaniel, born April 24, 1655.

(3) John, born March 26, 1657, married Dec. 2, 1678 Hannah Cutler.

(4) Joseph, born Oct. 29, 1659.

(5) Elizabeth, born Aug. 11, 1662, married Serg't George Flint.

(6) CAPT. BENJAMIN, born Dec. 24, 1664, married (1) Hannah ——who died Dec. 21, 1705, and (2) July 1, 1706 Sarah Holton.

(7) Mary, born Sept. 15, 1668, married John Tufts.

HISTORY

Nathaniel [2] Putnam was a wealthy and prominent citizen of Salem and a man of great ability. He had a large farm which is now known as the "old Judge Putnam place." He was representative to the General Court in 1690 and 1691 and was a Lieutenant in the Militia. He was a believer in witchcraft in his old age but took the part of Rebecca Nourse when she was accused of it. Both Nathaniel and his wife joined the church in 1648.

He died at Salem July 23, 1700 aged 79 years, and his wife Elizabeth died June 24, 1688 aged 59 years.

1664—1715

CAPT. BENJAMIN [3] PUTNAM, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Putnam, born at Salem, Mass. Dec. 24, 1664, married (1) Hannah ———who died at Salem Dec. 21, 1705, and (2) July 1, 1706 Sarah Holton.

The children of Benjamin and Hannah, all born at Salem, were:

(1) Nathaniel, born Aug. 25, 1686, married June 4, 1709 Hannah Roberts.

(2) Josiah, baptised Oct. 2, 1687, probably died young.

(3) Tarrant, born April 12, 1688, married June 8, 1715 Elizabeth Bacon.

(4) Elizabeth, born Jan. 8, 1689-90, married Robert Hutchinson.

(5) Benjamin, born Jan. 8, 1692-3, married June 9, 1715 Bethiah Hutchinson.

(6) Lieut. Stephen, born Oct. 27, 1694, married May 30, 1718 Marion Putnam.

(7) Rev. Daniel, born Nov. 12, 1696, married Rebecca Putnam.

(8) Israel, born Aug. 22, 1699, married Sarah Bacon.

(9) CORNELIUS, born Sept. 3, 1702, married (1) Sarah Hutchinson, and (2) Nov. 12, 1741 Mrs. Elizabeth (Nelson) Perkins.

HISTORY

Capt. Benjamin [3] Putnam was admitted freeman in 1690. He was prominent in Salem, a selectman from 1707 to 1713, a deacon in the church at Salem village and interested in town affairs. He died in Salem about 1715.

1702—1761

CORNELIUS [4] PUTNAM, son of Benjamin and Hannah (———) Putnam, born at Salem Sept. 3, 1702, married (1) Sarah Hutchinson, daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Phillips) Hutchinson, born Dec. 26, 1701 and died June 9, 1741: and (2) Nov. 12, 1741, Mrs. Elizabeth (Nelson) Perkins, daughter of———Nelson of Newbury.

The children of Cornelius and Sarah, all born at Sutton, were:

(1) Sarah, born Jan. 3, 1726, died May 30, 1738.

(2) Bertha, born Dec. 18, 1728.

(3) Cornelius, born May 23, 1730, married Aug. 2, 1753 Elizabeth Perkins.

(4) Benjamin, born May 13, 1732, died young.

(5) Nathaniel, born May 3, 1734, married Deborah———.

(6) Tarrant, born March 28, 1736.

(7) Bartholomew, born April 19, 1739, died young.

(8) David, twin, born May 31, 1741, } both died young.
(9) Sarah, twin, born May 31, 1741, }

The children of Cornelius and Elizabeth, all born in Sutton, were:

(10) Sarah, born Mar. 18, 1743, married Oct. 16, 1665 Capt. Archelaus Putnam.

(11) BARTHOLOMEW, born April 27, 1745, married March 1, 1769 Mary Putnam.

(12) David, born May 14, 1747, married Elizabeth Woodbury.

(13) Elizabeth, born Sept. 28, 1749.

(14) Amma or Anna, born Nov. 21, 1754, died young.

HISTORY

Cornelius [4] Putnam removed from Salem to Sutton, Mass, as early as 1726. He, with his wife Sarah, joined the Sutton church in 1729, and was afterward elected a deacon. He was upon the board of selectmen in 1733 and 1734, and filled many town offices, being one of the most respected citizens of the town. He died in Sutton in 1761 aged 59.

1745——

BARTHOLOMEW [5] PUTNAM, son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Nelson) Putnam, born at Sutton, Mass. April 21, 1745, married (1) at Oxford, Mass. March 1, 1769 Mary Putnam, daughter of Edward and Ruth (Fuller) Putnam of Middleton, Mass. baptized April 22, 1750, died in 1796 and (2) Hannah Axtill, their intentions of marriage being filed Jan. 26, 1799.

The children of Edward and Mary, all born at Sutton, were:

(1)——a son, born in 1770, died at Sutton Nov. 25, 1778.

(2) Bartholomew, born July 19, 1774, married Hannah Sibley. Died at Sutton July 25, 1811.

(3) Lucy, born July 8, 1779, married Simeon Howard.

(4) Edward, born Jan. 26, 1782, married Lydia———.

(5) Prudence, born Nov. 13, 1784, married Daniel Hathaway.

(6) Phoebe, born Oct. 10, 1787, married Capt. Elijah Bigelow.

(7) LEWIS, born July 15, 1796, married Sept. 21, 1819 Mary W. Cowles.

The children of Bartholomew and Hannah, were:

(8) Cynthia, born at Sutton, Aug. 27, 1804, died May 21, 1809.

(9) Zilpha, born at Sutton, April 8, 1812, died June 8, 1814.

HISTORY

BARTHOLOMEW [5] PUTNAM, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and served in Col. Davis' regiment in 1780. He died at Sutton July 9, 1825 aged 80.

MARY [6] PUTNAM, wife of Bartholomew Putnam, was the daughter of Edward and Ruth (Fuller) Putnam and like her husband a descendant of John [1] Putnam,-(Edward [5] Edward [4] Edward [3] Thomas [2] and John [1]). Her great great grandmother was Ann Holyoke, daughter of Edward Holyoke who came from Tamworth, England, to Lynn, Mass. in 1630 and was the ancestor of President Holyoke and Dr. Edward Holyoke of Salem.

1796—1861

LEWIS [6] PUTNAM, son of Bartholomew and Mary (Putnam) Putnam, born at Sutton, Mass. July 15, 1796, married in Sutton, Sept. 21, 1819 Mary Wheat Cowles, daughter of Augustus and Submit (Wheat) Cowles, born at Heath, Mass. Sept. 15, 1802.

The children of Lewis and Mary, all born at Sutton, were:

(1) Augustus Cowles, born Aug. 25, 1820, married at Halifax, Vt. Aug. 11, 1844 Harriet Bond. Died at Minneapolis, Minn. Oct. 6, 1895. Buried at Shrewsbury, Mass.

(2) CHANDLER PRATT, born April 4, 1824, married at Wilmington Vt. May 5, 1847 Sarah Jane Houghton. Died at Worcester, Mass. Aug. 31, 1907.

(3) Sophronia Parker, born June 14, 1827, married at Wilmington, Vt. May 5, 1847 David Houghton. Died at Lyford, Texas Dec. 11, 1911.

(4) Miranda Cynthia, born Oct. 31, 1829, married at Newfane, Vt. Lemuel Houghton. Died at Adams, N. Y. Jan. 26, 1856.

HISTORY

LEWIS [6] PUTNAM lived in Sutton, Mass. until 1831; in Sturbridge, Mass. from 1831 to 1838; in Whitingham, Vt. from 1838 to 1848; in Warwick, Mass. from 1848 to 1853; in Charlestown, Mass. during winter of 1853-4; in Adams, N. Y.; from 1854 to 1860, and at Worcester, Mass. in 1860 and 1861. He died at the house of his oldest son in Shrewsbury, Mass. Oct. 4, 1861 aged 65 years.

MARY WHEAT COWLES, wife of Lewis Putnam, born at Heath, Mass. Sept. 15, 1802, was the daughter of Augustus [6] Cowles, born in Hatfield, Mass. July 13, 1772, (Timothy [5] Timothy [4] Jonathan [3] John [2] John [1]). Her mother was Submit Wheat, daughter of Benjamin [5] Wheat of Westford and Conway, Mass, (John [4] Joseph [3] Joseph [2] Moses [1] of Concord). Her great grandmother on her mother's side, was Esther [5] Adams, a descendant of the Adams family of Quincy and Braintree (Thomas [4] Timothy [3] Thomas [2] Henry [1]). From Henry Adams were descended John Adams and John Quincy Adams both Presidents of the United States.

After the death of her husband Lewis Putnam, she made her home with her sons in Worcester until March 4, 1865 when she married Dea Parley Goddard of Worcester whom she survived and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Houghton at Montour, Iowa, and was buried at Toledo, Iowa.

1824-1907

CHANDLER PRATT [7] PUTNAM, son of Lewis and Mary W. (Cowles) Putnam, born in Sutton, Mass., April 4, 1824, married at Wilmington, Vt. May 5, 1847, Sarah Jane Houghton, daughter of James and Sarah (Smith) Houghton, born at Whitingham, Vt., May 29, 1825.

The children of Chandler P. and Sarah Jane, all born at Whitingham, Vt. were:

(1) ARVILLA JANE, born Jan. 10, 1848, married Nov. 19, 1868 Daniel Merrick Wheeler of Worcester. Died Oct. 9, 1919 aged 70.

(2) Mary Rosilla, born June 5, 1849, married Nov. 25, 1873 William Holden of Worcester.

(3) Viola Naomi, born Oct. 15, 1851, married Jan. 10, 1871 Gilman P. Hapgood of Worcester. He died at Charlton Depot, Mass. Feb. 17, 1914 and she died at Springfield, Mass., June 20, 1920.

Chandler P. Putnam died at Worcester Aug. 31, 1907 and his wife died Nov. 15, 1908. Both were buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester.

Chandler P. Putnam lived in Sutton until 1831; in Sturbridge, where his father owned a farm near the Connecticut line, from 1831 to 1838; at Whitingham, Vt. where he was engaged in farming, from 1838 to 1861, and from 1861 until his death in 1907 at Worcester, Mass. with the exception of about two years spent in the west. He was for several years in charge of the "Green Hill Farm," so called, then the property of Hon. Andrew H. Green of New York, but now a city park. Afterward he carried on a grocery business on Central St. near Summer St. retiring in 18— to his place on Salisbury St. near the Chamberlin farm.

In 1902 he sold his estate on Salisbury St. and with his wife made his home with his eldest daughter, Mrs. D. M. Wheeler until his death in 1907. Both Mr. and Mrs. Putnam lived to see the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage, at which time all of their children with their husbands were living. At this time there had not been a death in the family for 60 years.

SARAH JANE HOUGHTON, wife of Chandler P. Putnam, was the daughter of James and Sarah (Smith) Houghton of Whitingham, Vt. and was born at Whitingham, Vt. May 29, 1825.

The genealogy of her family is as follows.

1623—1705

RALPH [1] HOUGHTON, son of Sir Richard Hoghton, born in Lancashire, England in 1623, married Jane Stowe, born in England in 1626.

The children of Ralph and Jane, all born at Lancaster, Mass, were

(1) JAMES, born in 1650, married Mary Sawyer, died in 1711.

(2) Mary, born June 11, 1653, married May 20, 1675 Wm. Bentley.

(3) John, born April 28, 1655, died Aug. 10, 1679.

(4) Joseph, born July 6, 1657, married (1) in 1693 Jane Vose, and (2) Dec. 8, 1708, Margaret Reding. Died at Milton, Mass. May 22, 1737.

(5) Experience, born Oct. 1, 1659, married May 22, 1684 Ezra Clapp of Dorchester.

(6) Sarah, born Feb. 17, 1761-2, married Dec. 28, 1687 Caleb Sawyer.

(7) Abigail, born July 15, 1664, married May, 14, 1678 John Hudson.

(8) Hannah, born Oct. 16, 1667, died at Dorchester, Oct. 8, 1679.

(9) Ralph, born——married Mary——. Mariner. Killed in Earthquake at Jamaica June 7, 1692.

Ralph [1] Houghton died at Milton, Mass April 15, 1705 and his wife Jane died Jan. 10, 1700-1.

HISTORY

According to tradition Ralph [1] Houghton was the son of Sir Richard Hoghton of Hoghton Tower, Lancashire, England, who was created Baronet by King James I, May 22, 1611. Ralph fought under Cromwell against King Charles I, and finally had to flee to America on account of his political opinions. He landed in Charlestown, settled first at Watertown and in 1647 was living with nine other families in Lancaster where he was town clerk from 1656 to 1682; surveyor of the town; one of the six prudential managers; Representative to the General Court in 1673 and 1689 and held various other offices.

He had entire charge of the proprietors business for thirty years. In the "Book of Lands" is the following description of his lands.

"*Ra: Houghton.* The p. p. (proper) Lott of Ralph Houghton is next to Richard Lenton Containing 20 acors butted and Bounded as the others being the 3d Lott Northerly."

"*his purchase* The Lott of Ralph Houghton wch he purchased of John Prescott Adjoyning to his owne p. p. on the North side containing 20 Acors is the 4th Lott."

"His Entervale Lotts Lye on the other side Penecuck Eastward Containing 70 acors being the 3d and 4th Lotts from the Lott of Edward Brek Northerly."

His farm included the ground now occupied by the brick church and public buildings in Lancaster.

When Lancaster was destroyed by the Indians in 1676 he went to Woburn and later to Dorchester. In 1682 he removed to Milton, Mass.

where he, with his wife, joined the church on June 18 of that year, and remained in that town until his death April 15, 1705. His wife, Jane, died Jan. 10, 1700-1.

1650—1711

JAMES [2] HOUGHTON, son of Ralph and Jane (Stone) Houghton, born in Lancaster in 1650, married Mary Sawyer, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Prescott) Sawyer of Lancaster, born April 14, 1653.

The children of James and Mary, all born at Lancaster, were:

(1) James, born 1690, married Sarah Sawyer.
(2) Ralph, born —— soldier in Cape Breton and lost his life in 1710.
(3) John, born 1694, died 1696.
(4) Thomas, born 1696, married Feb. 1, 1725-6 Maria Moore.
(5) John, born 1697, married Jan. 18, 1718-9 Mehitable Wilson.
(6) EDWARD, born 1705, married Nov. 16, 1727, Abigail Coye. Died March 15, 1778.
(7) Hannah, born——, married T. Sabin.
(8) Experience, born——, married William Houghton.
(9) Ephraim, born——, married Dec. 10, 1725 Hannah Sawyer.

HISTORY

James [2] Houghton lived in Lancaster and settled the estate of his brother Ralph who was a mariner and lost his life in the great earthquake at Port Royal in Jamaica June 7, 1692. In 1697 he removed to that part of Lancaster now within the town of Harvard and settled on land given to him by his father near Still River where he built a "Garrison house" a portion of which is now standing and used as the western part of the present house. As James was a carpenter he doubtless built this house himself and it still shows evidences of his creditable workmanship.

This place has been handed down from father to son for five generations and is now owned by E. W. Houghton. James Houghton was a constable and collector for the town of Lancaster and there is preserved in the old house aforesaid an old warrant of the selectmen to James Houghton under date of Nov. 9, 1697, directing him to warn the inhabitants of a town meeting. The will of James Houghton dated July 17, 1711 in which he mentions his wife and children, was entered in the Probate office in Cambridge, Sept. 11, 1711, but the exact date of his death does not appear.

MARY [2] SAWYER, wife of James [2] Houghton was the daughter of Thomas [1] and Mary (Prescott) Sawyer of Lancaster. Thomas was a blacksmith and settled first in Rowley from whence he removed to Lancaster in 1647, being one of the first six settlers.

He was one of the six prudential managers of the town named by the General Court in its grant. He married Mary Prescott, eldest daughter of John Prescott, the founder of Lancaster, in 1648.

Thomas Sawyer's land is thus described in the "Book of Land".

"The Lott of Thomas Sayer is the first Lott containing 20 acors on the south side of this Lott of Jn°. Prescott butting and bounding on the former."

"*his Enterrale*—The Entervale Lott of Thomas Sayer, containing 20 acors Lyeth between two pcells of Jn° Prescots Entervale Lott butting upon Nashaway Riuer."

According to the headstone in the old cemetery near the "Rivers meeting" in Lancaster, Thomas Sawyer died Sept. 12, 1706 aged about 90 years.

1705—1778

EDWARD [3] HOUGHTON, son of James and Mary (Sawyer) Houghton born at Lancaster in 1705, married Nov. 16, 1727 Abigail Coye of "Pomfret", Conn.

The children of Edward and Abigail, all born at Pomfret, Conn, were:

(1) James, born Sept. 13, 1728, married Sept. 11, 1755 Phoebe Hold. Settled in Union, Conn. Soldier in Revolutionary war.

(2) Experience, born Dec. 26, 1730, married James Bartlett.

(3) Mary, born May 7, 1733.

(4) Cornelius, born Aug. 10, 1735.

(5) Nehemial, born March 23, 1738.

(6) EDWARD, born April 16, 1740, married Olive Russell, died July 11, 1803.

(7) Asa, born June 1, 1742, married June 23, 1768 Sybil Davis of Brimfield, Mass. Settled in Union, Ct., removed to Wales, Mass. in 1779 and died there April 17, 1829 aged 87.

(8) Elijah, (Town record Abijah), born May 9, 1745.

(9) Jonas, born Jan. 17, 1748, married Nov. 29, 1768 Sarah Abbott of Woodstock, Conn.

HISTORY

Edward [3] Houghton lived in Lancaster, (now Harvard) until his marriage in 1727, when he removed to Pomfret, Conn.

His marriage is recorded both at Lancaster and Pomfret, and the births of his children are recorded at Pomfret. He removed to Union, Conn. in 1774, having purchased land there of Samuel Bartholomew, Aug. 14, 1874. The same year he sold to his brother Thomas of Harvard, Mass. some land in Union, Conn.

Edward built the first mill in that part of the country at a place in Union called "Lawson's Mills" where he resided. His son James was a soldier in the Revolution and his sword is now in the possession of one of Edward's descendants, Arthur L. Houghton of Springfield, Mass.

Edward died on March 15 and his wife Abigail on March 30, 1778.

1740—1803

EDWARD [4] HOUGHTON, son of Edward and Abigail (Coye) Houghton, born at Pomfret, Conn, April 16, 1740, married Olive Russell, daughter, of John and Elizabeth (———) Russell, born in Killingly, Conn. May 31, 1748.

The children of Edward and Olive, all born at Killingly, Conn., were:

(1) Molly, born Jan. 6, 1773, died Oct. 15, 1777.
(2) ELIAS, born Oct. 9, 1774, married Sarah Gilbert.
(3) Olive, born Aug. 27, 1776, died June 29, 1803.
(4) Abiel or Abel, born Oct. 25, 1778, died Oct. 25, 1809.
(5) Polly, born Oct. 6, 1780, died Oct. 1, 1855.
(6) David, born March 31, 1783, died Oct. 14, 1855.
(7) Edward, born April 9, 1785.
(8) Hannah, born May 8, 1787, died Sept. 15, 1788.
(9) Hannah, born July 12, 1789.
(10) Nehemiah, born June 10, 1791, married March 27, 1817, Esther Lawson, died at Union, Conn. Oct. 9, 1875 aged 84.
(11) Betsey, born July 22, 1793.
(12) John, born Jan. 3, 1797.

HISTORY

Edward [4] Houghton, settled in Killingly, Conn, in the north easterly part of the town which was set off from Killingly and organized as the town of Thompson in 1785, this being in the north east corner of the state.

He died at Thompson, Conn. July 11, 1803 aged 63 years and his wife Olive died Nov. 13, 1829 aged 81 years.

1774—1805

ELIAS [5] HOUGHTON, son of Edward [4] and Olive (Russell) Houghton, born at Killingly, Conn. Oct. 9, 1774, married Sarah Gilbert, daughter of ——— and Abigail (Nichols) Gilbert of Whitingham, Vt.

The only child of Elias and Sarah, was:

(1) JAMES, born at Whitingham, Vt. Oct. 16, 1798.

HISTORY

Elias Houghton went from Thompson, Conn. to Whitingham, Vt. where he married Sarah Gilbert, whose parents had come to Whitingham from Brimfield, Mass. or vicinity.

He removed from Whitingham to Bennington, Vt. probably in 1799, but certainly as early as April 1800, and lived there until his death Aug. 20, 1805. His death was caused by exposure and over exertion while harvesting his crops during a very rainy season. His widow with her son James returned to her friends in Whitingham and she later married David Cutting of that town. She died there Aug. 21, 1844 and was buried in the cemetery at South Whitingham.

1798—1868

JAMES [6] HOUGHTON, son of Elias and Sarah (Gilbert) Houghton born in Whitingham, Vt. Oct. 16, 1798, married at Preston, N. Y. Sept. 25, 1820 Sarah Smith, daughter of David and Abigail (Sperry) Smith, born at Woodbridge, Conn. Dec. 30, 1796.

The children of James and Sarah, all born at Whitingham, were:

(1) David, born Oct. 9, 1821, married at Wilmington, Vt. May 5, 1847 Sophronia P. Putnam of Whitingham. Removed to Montour, Iowa and died there June 27, 1904.

(2) Lemuel, born Jan. 6, 1823, married (1) Oct. 11, 1848 Miranda C. Putnam of Whitingham, who died at Adams, N. Y. Jan. 25, 1856, and (2) Dec. 15, 1859 Hattie Cowles of Chicopee. He died at Springfield, Mass. Feb. 11, 1902 and his wife Hattie died Nov. 3, 1913.

(3) SARAH JANE, born May 29, 1825, married at Wilmington, Vt. May 5, 1847 Chandler P. Putnam. Died at Worcester, Mass. Nov. 15, 1908.

(4) James Seymour, born June 9, 1827, married Philinda Briggs of Shutesbury, Mass. Lived at Whitingham, Vt. He died Dec. 6, 1907 and his wife died Feb. 11, 1905.

(5) Mary, born Feb. 11, 1831, married May 7, 1862 Ansel B. Worden of Heath, Mass. Died at Springfield, Mass. Jan. 23, 1890.

(6) Lewis Lester, born July 22, 1836. Died at Whitingham, Feb. 17, 1864.

HISTORY

James [6] Houghton lived in Whitingham all his life except for a few years during his boyhood.

Most of his adult life was spent upon the farm in the southern part of the town, where he died June 6, 1868.

His wife Sarah died Nov. 18, 1882 aged 86. Both were buried in the Cemetery at South Whitingham.

SARAH SMITH, wife of James [6] Houghton was the daughter of David and Abigail (Sperry) Smith, and was born at Woodbridge, Conn. Dec. 30, 1796. Of her father little is known. The family removed in 1807 from Woodbridge to Preston, N. Y. Her mother Abigail (Sperry) was the daughter of Richard [5] and Abigail (Northrup) Sperry. Richard Sperry was descended from Richard [1] one of the early settlers of New Haven, (Richard [4] Jonathan [3] Richard [2] Richard [1]). Richard [1] Sperry was the man who, more than any other was responsible for the escape of the Regicide judges Goffe and Whalley when officers of the King were searching for them in New Haven in 1661. Richard Sperry, William Jones, and a man named Burrill led the judges out of town three or four miles and hid them at Hatchet Harbor for a day or two.

From there they were taken up the cliff to a place now called Judges Cave where they remained from May 15 to June 11, 1661. Some nights during this time they slept at Sperry's house, but most of the time they slept in the cave, and were sustained by Richard Sperry who daily brought food to them until they affected their escape to Hadley, Mass. Sperry is said to have been the only man who knew of their exact hiding place.

1850——

WALTER ADAMS [7] WHEELER, son of Daniel R. and Susan (Halladay) Wheeler, born at Rutland Aug. 14, 1850, married (1) Aug. 26, 1872 Emma Francena Newell, daughter of Nahum and Olive (Davis) Newell of Holden, born May 12, 1851 and died Nov. 5, 1885, and (2) Mrs. Mary A. (Wedge) King, daughter of Newell and Sarah (Armsby) Wedge of Sutton, Mass. She was born at Sutton.

The children of Walter and Emma were:

(1) HERBERT WALTER, born at Rutland Oct. 8, 1873, married (1) Mattie Smith and (2) in Dover, N. H., May 17, 1900, Delia Mabel Meara.

(2) Arthur Merrick, born at Rutland July 19, 1876, died at Sutton Feb. 19, 1878.

(3) ARTHUR CLIFFORD, born at Sutton, June 2, 1879, married May 23, 1901, Mercie Ellen Upham of Rutland.

(4) Chester Adams, born at Sutton Dec. 15, 1884.

The children of Walter and Mary, all born at Rutland, were:

(5) Merrick Wedge, born May 28, 1888, died Nov. 2, 1889.

(6) MERRILL HALLADAY, born Jan. 22, 1891, married Sept. 18, 1913 Edith Grace Cannon of Rutland.

(7) Elizabeth Annabel, born Oct. 2, 1900, married Dec. 29, 1923, Walter Putnam, of Rutland.

HISTORY

Walter A. Wheeler was a student at Worcester Academy from 1867 to 1870 in which latter year he graduated and entered Brown University from which he retired on account of ill health. He was Principal of the high school at Wilmington, Vt. in 1871 and 1872, and also taught in Holden, Rutland and Princeton. In 1874 he was elected Principal of the high school at Sutton, Mass. which position he filled until the summer of 1885. He was Principal of the Rutland high school from 1885 to 1892 except during the winter of 1890-1 when he was a member of the Legislature of Massachusetts representing the 3rd Worcester District.

In June 1892, he was elected superintendent of the State Primary School at Monson, Massachusetts, a state institution for the care and training of neglected and dependent children of the Commonwealth, beginning his duties on August 1st and ending with the changing of the State Primary School to a State Hospital for Epileptics. In this institution were boys and girls ranging from the age of infants to 18 years of age. The number at one time was 350, June 30, 1895. On the 1st day of July of the same year, he was appointed superintendent of the boys on probation or parole from the State Reform School (The Lyman School for Boys at Westboro) in which service, since enlarged to comprise those older boys from the Industrial School at Shirley, he continued until June, 1920. The whole work listed under the Department of Public Welfare, Boys Parole Branch, embraced in 1920, the care of more than 2500 boys on parole from the two institutions, with the office of the Department in the State House, Boston. In his native town, he has held offices

of school committee, member of the Board of Health. At 17 years of age, he united with the First Congregational Church in Rutland and was at the time of his death a deacon in that church. He lived and died in Rutland on the original Wheeler farm founded by Isaac Wheeler in 1756 and since that date owned and occupied by his descendants. He died Sept. 7, 1922.

Emma Francena Newell, first wife of Walter A. Wheeler, was educated at Worcester Academy and the Oread High School and taught several terms in Holden and Rutland. She died November 5, 1885.

Mary Anna Wedge, his second wife, was born in Sutton in 1855, was educated at the Oread Collegiate Institute and State Normal School at Worcester. She taught several terms in the public schools of her native town, has written several short poems, several of which have been published. She was matron of the State Primary School at Monson during the period in which her husband was superintendent.

1855—1919

ABBIE ALMIRA [7] WHEELER, daughter of Daniel R. and Susan (Halladay) Wheeler, born at Rutland, Mass. June 15, 1855, married July 28, 1874 Prof. Ellis Peterson, son of Reuben and Deborah (Clark) Peterson of Duxbury.

The children of Ellis and Abbie, were:

(1) DR. ELLIS, born at Rutland Sept. 24, 1875, married (1) March 27, 1901 Helen Kendrick of Worcester, and (2). Mary ——

(2) SIDNEY, born at Boston, Jan. 9, 1878, married June 24, 1902 Ruth M. Taft of Waltham.

(3) Caro, born at Boston, July 2, 1880, died Oct. 14, 1880.

(4) REV. ABBOT, born at Boston, March 16, 1884, married at Weston, Mass. Sept. 28, 1907 Edna Jones of Weston.

HISTORY

Abbie A. Wheeler went to Worcester to live with her eldest brother in 1869 and graduated from the Worcester high school in 1873. She taught in the high school at Wilmington, Vt. and was also a teacher at "The Willows" at Farmington, Maine. Her husband, a graduate of Harvard, Class of 1853, was Supervisor of Public Schools in Boston from March 1876 to Sept. 1902, and afterward supervisor of Massachusetts State Normal Schools.

He died at Boston, April 9, 1904. After his death Mrs. Peterson took charge of some of the schools established by the Unitarian Church in North Carolina and lived at Watha, N. C. during most of the year, returning to her summer home in Rutland for the summer. While still in charge of this work, she died suddenly in Wilmington, N. C. April 20, 1919. Both she and her husband are buried at Duxbury, Mass.

1851——

MERRILL HERBERT [7] WHEELER, son of Merrill and Sarah (Gibbs) Wheeler, born at Rutland, Mass. Aug. 18, 1851, married at Angelica, Wis. May 26, 1875 Cora Adelaide Kelley, daughter of James H. and Emily (Hussey) Kelley, born at Cleveland, Ohio Dec. 2, 1854.

The children of Merrill and Cora, were:

(1) HERBERT MERRILL, born at Shawano, Wis. Feb. 26, 1876, married July 8, 1908, Mrs. Orra (Smith) Foote of Chicago.

(2) RAE EMMA, born at Shawano, Wis. May 26, 1878, married at Minneapolis, Minn. June 10, 1901 John Frederick Allman of Marshfield, Wis.

(3) WILLIAM DOUGLAS, born at Marshfield, Wis. Mar. 17, 1880, married Dec. 2, 1903 Myrta V. Batson of Pine Island, Minn.

(4) Harry Kelley, born at Marshfield, Wis. Dec. 14, 1882, married, Oct. 1, 1916, Anna M. MacGreever.

(5) Warren Everett, born at Marshfield, Wis. April 2, 1888.

(6) Laura Elizabeth, born at Marshfield, Wis. Oct. 1, 1889.

HISTORY

Merrill Herbert Wheeler was born on the "Wheeler Farm" at Rutland Mass., Aug. 18, 1851. He was first named Herbert Merrill but after his father's death in 1853 his mother transposed his name.

He attended the public schools, and afterwards was a student at Worcester Academy and Howes Business College in Worcester. After a year's experience with a grocery firm in Worcester he went to Shawano, Wis. and for seven years was connected with the largest mercantile company there. In 1879, he removed to Marshfield, Wis. and took charge of the general store of C. M. Upham & Bro. Four years later this firm was incorporated as the Upham Mfg. Co. and he was elected Director and Secretary remaining until 1900, when he located in Minneapolis, Minn. in the grocery business. In 1904 he was appointed to a position in the engineering department of the Chicago Union Traction Co., which position he held for several years. Present residence, Minneapolis, Minn.

1853——

REV. WARREN ELI [7] WHEELER, son of Merrill and Sarah (Gibbs) Wheeler, born at Westminster, Mass. April 2, 1853, married (1) at Olivet, Mich. Aug. 28, 1879 Catherine Angel Lord, who died at Pleasant Hill, Tenn. July 28, 1903, and (2) at Wethersfield, Conn. July 11, 1904, Kate Ellis Adams, daughter of Ellis D. and Harriet S. (Adams) Adams of Wethersfield, Conn.

The only child of Warren E. and Katherine A. was:

(1) Lina Sarah, born at Oberlin, Ohio, March 29, 1881, died July 19, 1881.

The children of Warren E. and Kate E., all born at Wethersfield, Conn., were:

(2) Ellis Adams, born June 13, 1905.

(3) Warren Chester, born Oct. 5, 1906, died at Pleasant Hill, Tenn. April, 9, 1912.

(4) Elizabeth Sargent, born Feb. 3, 1914, died at Pleasant Hill, Tenn. Aug. 22, 1915.

(5) Richard Gibbs, born July 9, 1917.

HISTORY

Warren E. Wheeler was a student at the Racine, Wis. High School, Oberlin College and Theological Seminary, receiving the degree of B. D. in 1890. He was a teacher in District schools of Wisconsin, Principal of Westminster Academy in 1876-7 and a teacher at Talladega College in Alabama from 1877 to 1879, Principal of Williamsburg, Ky. Academy fro m 1882 to 1887. He was ordained a minister of the Congregational church at Richfield, Ohio in 1890 and remained there as pastor for three years. For 25 years, from 1892 to 1917, he was principal and Pastor of Pleasant Hill Academy, at Pleasant Hill, Tenn. From 1917 to 1922, he was a teacher and Chaplain in the State Schools of Connecticut.

He has the enviable record of teaching forty years, with only two or three days lost by sickness.

In 1922 he became pastor of the Congregational Church in Barkhamstead, Conn. which position he still holds.

1849——

EMMA ELIZABETH [7] WHEELER, daughter of Merrill and Sarah (Gibbs) Wheeler, born at Rutland, Mass. Oct. 20, 1849, married Oct. 18, 1871 Charles T. Damon of Westminster, who died at Framingham, Mass. March 16, 1919.

The children of Charles and Emma, all born at Westminster, were:

(1) Alice Bond, born Jan. 5, 1874, graduate of Wellesley College in 1898, teacher of Botany and Zoology in Fall River High School 1906-1915, died July 21, 1916.

(2) Col. Herbert Wheeler, born Sept. 4, 1857, married Oct. 27, 1911 Helen Miner Haberstroth, daughter of Charles E. and Helen (Smith) Haberstroth of Framingham. Served in Spanish war as 1st. Serg't of Co. E. 6th Mass. Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, and in world war as Lieut. Col. of 6th Mass. 4th Pioneer Infantry, and 30th U. S. Infantry, 3rd. Div. Died at Framingham, Feb. 22, 1924.

(3) Clarence Nelson, born Oct. 14, 1879, died Oct. 7, 1883.

(4) Edith Sarah, born Aug. 14, 1884, graduate Mt. Holyoke College 1907. Teacher of Latin and Greek, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., West Springfield, Mass., and Stamford, Conn. Present residence Framingham, Mass.

Emma E. Wheeler lived at Rutland and Westminster, Mass. until the death of her mother in 1867.

She was a student at Worcester Academy 1865 to 1867, and a graduate of the State Normal School at Westfield in 1869. She was a teacher in the high school at Adams from 1869 to 1871.

After her marriage she lived at Westminster but later the family removed to Framingham where she still resides.

1860——

HIRAM EDWARD [7] WHEELER, son of Paul and Mary Jane (Smith) Wheeler, born at Rutland March 27, 1860, married March 27, 1882 Nancy Della Putnam, daughter of Sumner and Lucy Elizabeth (Forbes) Putnam of Rutland.

The children of Hiram E. and Nancy D., all born at Rutland, were:

(1) Ethel Viola, born June 10, 1885, married Nov. 1, 1917 Leslie Stephen Moore, son of James Stephen and Hannah (Fay) Moore.

(2) Lucy Edna, born Sept. 10, 1888.

(3) Esther Jane, born April 10, 1892, married Dec. 18, 1920 Harry Carter, son of Thorpe and Martha (Johnson) Carter.

(4) Phylis Louise, born April 1, 1906.

1851——

MARY ELIZA [7] WHEELER, daughter of Hiram Madison and Mary Jane (Smith) Wheeler, born at Rutland Oct. 10, 1851, married Sept. 30, 1873 Chandler Jackson Green, son of Samuel Chandler and Martha (Jackson) Green.

The children of Chandler J. and Mary E. were:

(1) PAUL SLATON, born Nov. 2, 1874, married June 3, 1908 Nellie Sheen.

(2) HENRY EVERETT, born April 25, 1881, married Oct. 18, 1911 Bertha Louisa Houghton.

(3) HARRIE LANCE, born Oct. 26, 1883, married Feb. 5, 1913, Pansy Harris.

(4) Ruth Elfleda, born April 5, 1891.

1834—1899

AUGUSTA MELLEN [7] PRENTICE, daughter of Caleb and Almira S. (Wheeler) Prentiss, born at Foxcroft, Maine, March 3, 1834, married at South Paris, Me. Sept. 13, 1855 Silas P. Maxim. She died Jan. 10, 1899. Her husband Silas, died March 24, 1918.

The children of Silas P. and Augusta M. were:

(1) WALTER PRENTISS, born March 13, 1857, married (1) Sept.–1883 Amy L. Stowell, who died Nov. 10, 1897, and (2) Nov. 28, 1901 Edith M. Bigelow, who died Nov. 4, 1915. He died Jan. 4, 1920.

(2) LAURA AUGUSTA, born April 27, 1859, married Dec. 31, 1887 Rawson Holman. She died Feb. 19, 1920.

(3) Myron Edwin, born April 22, 1862. Died——.

(4) FLORENCE ALMIRA, born May 15, 1864, married Sept. 3, 1901 Benjamin F. Hicks.

(5) SILAS SANGER, born Oct. 6, 1872, married May 28, 1913 Edith Whitman.

1836——

CALEB HENRY [7] PRENTISS, son of Caleb and Almira S. (Wheeler) Prentiss, born at Foxcroft, Me. April 17, 1836, married May 19, 1859 Ellen Martha Jordan, born Sept. 5, 1837, daughter of Dea Joshua and Martha (Merrill) Jordan.

The only child of Caleb H. and Ellen, was:

(1) Mary Abby, born Jan. 30, 1866.

1842—1880

EDWIN CHARLES [7] PRENTISS, son of Caleb and Elmira S. (Wheeler) Prentiss, born at Foxcroft, Me. June 2, 1842, married June 25, 1869, Celia A. Cushing, born in Lubec, Me. Mar. 17, 1847. He died at Brighton, Mass. Dec. 25, 1880.

The children of Edwin C. and Celia A. were:

(1) Mabel Anna, born June 1, 1871, died March 29, 1873.

(2) Caleb Arthur, born April 23, 1875, died July 13, 1876.

1837—1865

MARY ESTHER [7] CHANDLER, daughter of Charles Parsons and Sarah M. (Wheeler) Chandler, born at Foxcroft, Me. March 16, 1837, married at Foxcroft, June 7, 1860 Hon. Charles Winthrop Lowell.

The only child of Charles W. and Mary E. was:

(1) Mary Chandler, born at Foxcroft, Maine, Jan. 18, 1865. Graduate of Mt. Holyoke College 18—

Holds degrees of A. B.—M. D.—L. L. B.—J. D. and J. M. She has traveled and studied extensively in Europe.

Admitted to the Massachusetts bar in Feb. 1903. She is now engaged in research work at Boston, with her summer home in Foxcroft, Me.

Her father who was born at Farmington, Me. Nov. 20, 1834, was a member of the class of 1856 at Bowdoin College, was Major, Colonel, Judge Advocate, and Assistant Provost Marshall General during and after the Civil war, and was speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives from 1869 to 1877.

1844——

MELLEN GRENVILLE [7] PRENTISS, son of Caleb and Almira S. (Wheeler) Prentiss, born at Foxcroft, Me. Dec. 17, 1844, married Aug. 23, 1866 Lydia Rebecca Merrill, born Oct. 1, 1844, daughter of Russell and Lydia (Hatch) Merrill. She died at Brewer, Me. March 17, 1917.

The children of Mellen G. and Lydia, were:

(1) Harry Mellen, born Oct. 15, 1867, married Oct. 15, 1895 Sarah W. daughter of Thomas and Marilla (Shaw) Francis.

(2) Charles Fred, born April 19, 1874, married Dec. 3, 1895 Grace Sargent, born March 12, 1873, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Sargent.

(3) Anna May, born Jan. 11, 1876, died Aug. 17, 1876.

(4) John Caleb, born Dec. 18, 1877, died March 23, 1878.

(5) MILDRED LOUISE, born July 27, 1887, married Oct. 21, 1914. Harold W. Wright of Bangor, Me.

CHAPTER VIII

Eighth Generation and Allied Families.

1870——

MILTON MERRICK [8] WHEELER, son of Daniel M. and Arvilla Jane (Putnam) Wheeler, born at Worcester, Mass. Nov. 30, 1870, married at Lower Argyle, Nova Scotia, Nov. 10, 1897, Jessie McLarren, daughter of John McLarren of Lower Argyle, N. S. She died at Earles, Muhlenberg Co. Ky., Sept. 7, 1905, and was buried in Hope Cemetery in Worcester, Mass.

The children of Milton M. and Jessie were:

(1) Gladys McLarren, born at Worcester Aug. 17, 1899.
(2) Sidney Merrick, born at Lower Argyle, N. S. June 15, 1902.

HISTORY

Milton [8] M. Wheeler lived with his parents during his minority—at Worcester, Mass.; Springfield, Mo.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Minneapolis and Winona, Minn., excepting four years which he spent with his grandfather, Daniel R. Wheeler at Rutland, Mass., from 1879 to 1883. He graduated at Minneapolis Academy in 1888, and entered Iowa College at Grinnell, Iowa, remaining one year. He entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1890, but after two years was forced to give up his engineering course because of ill health. During his vacation from 1884 to 1892 he was engaged in engineering parties on location and construction on various railroads in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. In 1892 he was Resident-Engineer on the Missouri Kansas and Texas Ry., in charge of construction along the Missouri River in Missouri, and in 1893 he was in the same capacity on the M. St. P. and S. Ste. M. Ry., in North Dakota. In 1894 and 1895 he was Ass't. Engr. of the South Shore Ry. in Nova Scotia. Returning to Massachusetts in 1895, he became a member of the firm of Thompson & Wheeler, Civil Engineers in Worcester; remaining until June 1900. During this time he was Chief Engr. of the Rutland Water Works and of the construction of the State Sanatorium at Rutland and also built several electric railways in Mass., Conn., and Vermont.

He engaged in building electric railways in Pennsylvania in 1900, and afterward was Resident-Engineer of the Pittsburg Shawmut and Northern Ry., in charge of important construction at and near Angelica, N. Y. Later he was Resident-Engineer on the Southern Ry., at Atlanta Ga., leaving there to become Chief Engr., of the Kentucky Midland Ry. of which he afterwards became General Manager. At present he is General Manager of the Midland Coal Co. with headquarters at Central City, Kentucky.

Milton M. Wheeler

Herbert M. Wheeler

1869——

ETHEL ARVILLA [8] WHEELER, daughter of Daniel M. and Arvilla J. (Putnam) Wheeler, born at Worcester, Mass., Oct. 14, 1869, married at Winona, Minn. Jan. 28, 1891 Henry Rankin Chase, son of Josiah H. and Ellen (Rankin) Chase of Minneapolis, Minn.

The children of Henry and Ethel, all born at Minneapolis, were:

(1) ELLEN MARY, born Nov. 9, 1892, graduate of Macalester College, class of 1917, married Aug. 30, 1919 Conrad A. Anderson.

(2) Lieut. Henry Wheeler, born May 18, 1895. Served through the World war. Married March 5, 1920, Gene Lorraine McClellan.

(3) Dorothy, born Feb. 11, 1905.

HISTORY

Ethel A. Wheeler lived with her parents in Worcester, Mass. until 1879, and then with her grandfather Wheeler at Rutland until 1883, and afterwards with her parents at Chadwick and Springfield, Mo., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Minneapolis and Winona, Minn. until her marriage in 1891. She was a graduate of Minneapolis Academy in 1887 and was afterwards a teacher in that institution.

Her husband has been for several years one of the County Commissioners of Hennepin County, Minn., and is Vice President of the Continental Bank, Minneapolis. Residence Minneapolis, Minn.

1874——

INEZ VIOLA [8] WHEELER, daughter of Daniel M. and Arvilla J. (Putnam) Wheeler, born at Worcester, Mass. Aug. 22, 1874, married at Minneapolis, Minn. Jan. 31, 1894 Edmund Raymond Kinsey, son of Judge William and —— (Chapin) Kinsey, of St. Louis. He was born at Muscatine, Iowa, January 31, 1873.

The children of Raymond and Inez, all born at St. Louis, were:

(1) Edmund Wheeler, born April 16, 1895, died Dec. 23, 1896.

(2) Lieut. MILTON MANSFIELD, born Dec. 3, 1896. Married June 12, 1920, Clara Thelma Pendleton.

(3) William Putnam, born Jan. 10, 1898. Served in U. S. navy during the World War.

(4) Halladay Medcalf, born Nov. 12, 1900.

(5) Daniel Chapin, born Jan. 22, 1902.

(6) George Prescott, born July 2, 1903, died Dec. 27, 1904.

HISTORY

Inez V. Wheeler lived with her parents at Worcester, Mass.; Honda, Colombia, South America; Fayetteville and Winslow, Ark.; Springfield and Chadwick, Mo.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Minneapolis, Minn. and St. Louis, Mo.; until her marriage in 1894. Her husband is a Civil Engineer and is President of the Board of Public Works in St. Louis, Mo.

1882——

CLARA SUSAN [8] WHEELER, daughter of Daniel M. and Arvilla J. (Putnam) Wheeler, born at Winslow, Ark. June 25, 1882, married at Worcester, Mass. Dec. 9, 1902 Charles Field Harris son of Calvin and Minnie (Field) Harris of Worcester.

The children of Charles and Clara, were:

(1) Ralph De Forest,
(2) Helen Wheeler,
} twins, born at Harvard, Mass. July 3, 1903.

(3) Clarence Walter, born at Harvard, Mass. Nov. 30, 1905.

(4) Ruth Clara, born at West Berlin, Mass., Feb. 19, 1914.

HISTORY

Clara S. Wheeler lived with her parents at Winslow, Ark., Chadwick and Springfield, Mo., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Minneapolis and Winona, Minn., St. Louis, Mo., and Worcester, Mass. until her marriage in 1902. Her husband bought the "Chestnut Farm" on Oak Hill in Harvard, Mass., where they lived until 1908 when they removed to West Berlin, Mass. In June, 1922, the family removed to Electra, Marion Co., Florida, where they now reside.

1873——

HERBERT WALTER [8] WHEELER, son of Walter A. and Emma, F. (Newell) Wheeler, born at Rutland, Mass. Oct. 3, 1873, married (1), Mattie Smith, daughter of Myron Moses and Betsey (Hinkley) Smith of Rutland and (2) in Dover, N. H. May 7, 1900 Delia Mabel Meara, daughter of James Albert and Mary (Coleman) Meara, born at Briston, England, May 22, 1880.

The children of Herbert and Delia, were:

(1) Walter Merrill, born at East Somerville, Mass. Feb. 27, 1901.

(2) Beatrice May Emma, born at East Somerville, Mass. May 8, 1903.

HISTORY

Herbert W. Wheeler has been in the employ of the Boston and Maine R. R. since finishing his school work with the exception of one year when he was in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Co. at Watertown, South Dakota. He has been telegraph operator, clerk and station agent. For several years he was station agent at Rutland, Mass., and also at Dover, N. H. From the latter place he went to the paymaster's office in Boston, and is now a paymaster on the above road with office at Boston and residence at Wellington (Malden) Mass. He has been a member of the city council in Malden.

1879——

ARTHUR CLIFFORD [8] WHEELER, son of Walter A. and Emma F. (Newell) Wheeler, born at Rutland, Mass. June 2, 1879, married at Rutland, May 23, 1901 Mercie Ellen Upham.

The children of Arthur Clifford and Mercie, were:

(1) Florence Emma, born at Rutland, June 18, 1903.
(2) Ruth Mary, born at Rutland Sept. 8, 1906.
(3) Mercie Helen, born at Rutland Dec. 24, 1908.
(4) Charlotte Estable, born at Rutland, Jan. 7, 1912.
(5) Edna Louise, born at Rutland, Aug. 17, 1913.

Residence of the family, Rutland, Mass.

1891——

MERRILL HALLADAY [8] WHEELER, son of Walter A. and Mary (Wedge) Wheeler, born at Rutland Jan. 22, 1891, married Sept. 18, 1913 Edith Grace Cannon, daughter of Fletcher Bent and Dorcas Ann (McDonald) Cannon of Rutland, born at Horton, N. B. Sept. 5, 1893.

The children of Merrill and Edith were:

(1) Grace Elizabeth, born at Worcester June 20, 1914.
(2) Rollin Merrill, born at Worcester June 15, 1920.

HISTORY

Merrill H. Wheeler is carrying on the old Wheeler place at Rutland, being of the sixth generation of Wheelers to occupy the old homestead.

He was educated in the public schools in Rutland and Mass. Ag'l College in Amherst.

1875——

DR. ELLIS[8]PETERSON, son of Ellis and Abbie A. (Wheeler) Peterson, born at Rutland, Mass. Sept. 24, 1875, married at Worcester March 27, 1901 Helen Kendrick, daughter of George Kendrick of Worcester, and (2) Mary ——.

The child of Dr. Ellis and Helen was:

(1) Ellis, born at Worcester Oct. 22, 1904.

Residence of family, Sacramento, Cal.

HISTORY

Dr. Peterson was graduated from Harvard and practiced his profession in Worcester, Mass., for several years. He is at present practicing in Sacramento, Cal.

1878——

SIDNEY [8] PETERSON, son of Ellis and Abbie A. (Wheeler) Peterson, born at Boston Jan. 9, 1878, married at Cambridge June 24, 1902 Ruth M. Taft of Waltham, Mass.

The child of Sidney and Ruth, was:

(1) Elizabeth, born at Boston, Dec. 5, 1907.

HISTORY

Sydney Peterson was graduated from Harvard in 1899 and has since followed his profession of teaching, being now master of the Brighton High School at Boston.

1884——

REV. ABBOT [8] PETERSON, son of Ellis and Abbie A. (Wheeler) Peterson, born at Boston, March 16, 1884, married at Weston, Mass. Sept. 28, 1907, Edna Jones, daughter of Marshall and Mary Ann (Roberts) Jones, born at Somerville, Mass.

The children of Rev. Abbot and Edna, were:

(1) Abbot, born at Lancaster, Mass. May 31, 1908.

(2) Ann, born at Lancaster, Mass. Oct. 9, 1912.

HISTORY

Abbot Peterson was graduated from Harvard University in 1904 and from Harvard Divinity School in 1907. He was ordained pastor of the Unitarian Church of Lancaster, Mass. in 1907, remaining there until 1913 when he was called to the First Parish Church at Brookline, Mass. where he still remains. Chairman School Committee, Lancaster Mass. Member School Board, Brookline, Mass. Served as 1st Lieut. and Chaplain Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky 1918.

1876—1915

HERBERT MERRILL [8] WHEELER, son of Merrill Herbert and Cora A. (Kelley) Wheeler, born at Shawano, Wis. Feb. 26, 1876, married at Chicago July 8, 1908 Mrs. Orra May (Smith) Foote, daughter of F. Marion and Marion DeEtte (Fisk) Smith of Chicago, born at Angola, N. Y. Nov. 11, 1874.

The children of Herbert M. and Orra May, were:

(1) Richard Smith, born in Chicago March 30, 1909.

(2) Edmund Goodrich, born in Chicago April 28, 1910.

HISTORY

Herbert Merrill [8] Wheeler, was a graduate of the Marshfield, Wis. high school, and the University of Minnesota (B.E.E.) in 1896.

He was with the Fort Wayne Electric Co. from 1896 to 1898. He was a soldier in the Spanish war serving with the 157th Indiana Volunteers from June 27, to Nov. 1, 1898.

From 1899 to 1903 he was with the North Chicago St. Ry. From 1903 to 1907 he was Instructor in Mathematics and Engineering at the Lewis Institute in Chicago. In 1907 he was appointed Electrical Engineer of the Chicago City Railway which position he held until his death which occurred on Nov. 12, 1915.

1878——

RAE EMMA [8] WHEELER, daughter of Merrill H. and Cora A. (Kelley) Wheeler, born at Shawano, Wis. May 26, 1878, married at Minneapolis, Minn. June 10, 1901 John Frederick Allman of Marshfield Wis.

The child of John F. and Rae Emma was:

(1) Helen Louise, born at Marshfield, Wis. May 10, 1904.

1880——

WILLIAM DOUGLAS [8] WHEELER, son of Merrill H. and Cora A. (Kelley) Wheeler, born at Marshfield, March 17, 1880, married Dec. 2, 1902 Myrta V. Batson of Pine Island, Minn.

The child of William D. and Myrta, was:

(1) Elizabeth, born at Marshfield, Wis. June 6, 1907.

1882——

HARRY KELLEY [8] WHEELER, son of Merril H. and Cora (Kelley) Wheeler, born at Marshfield, Wis., Dec. 14, 1882, married at Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 1, 1916, Anna Marie MacGeever, daughter of James J. and Ellen Agnes (Towey) MacGeever, born at Chatfield, Minn., June, 25, 1891.

The children of Harry Kelley and Anna M., all born at Minneapolis, Minn., were:

(1) Marjorie Jane, born Feb. 19, 1918.
(2) Harry Kelley Jr., born March 3, 1922.
(3) Howard Franklin, born March 12, 1924.

Residence of family, Minneapolis, Minn.

1874——

PAUL SLATON [8] GREEN, son of Chandler Jackson and Mary Eliza (Wheeler) Green, born Nov. 2, 1874, married June 3, 1908 Nellie Sheen, daughter of William and —— Sheen.

The child of Paul S. and Nellie, was:

(1) Jessie Slaton, born March 11, 1914.

1881——

HENRY EVERET [8] GREEN, son of Chandler Jackson and Mary Eliza (Wheeler) Green, born April 25, 1881, married Oct. 18, 1911 Bertha Louisa Houghton, daughter of Charles H. and —— Houghton.

The children of Henry E. and Bertha L., are:

(1) Norman Henry, born Nov. 19, 1912.
(2) Barbara Ruth, born March 29, 1918.

HARRIE LANCE [8] GREEN, son of Chandler Jackson and Mary Eliza (Wheeler) Green, born Oct. 26, 1883, married Feb. 5, 1913 Pansy Harris, daughter of John and —— Harris.

The children of Harrie L. and Pansy, were:

(1) Shirley Hazel, born Oct. 31, 1913.
(2) Raymond Harrie, born March 15, 1919.

1857—1920

WALTER PRENTISS [8] MAXIM, son of Silas P. and Augusta M. (Prentiss) Maxim, born March 13, 1857, married (1) Sept. 1883 Amy L. Stowell who died Nov. 10, 1897 and (2) Nov. 28, 1901, Edith M. Bigelow. She died Nov. 4, 1915 and Walter P. died Jan. 4, 1920.

The children of Walter P. and Amy L., were:

(1) Howard Stowell, born Feb. 4, 1887, married June 24, 1914 Etta Norcross.

(2) Nelson Prentiss, born Dec. 26, 1893, died Nov. 1901.

1859-1920

LAURA AUGUSTA [8] MAXIM, daughter of Silas P. and Augusta M. (Prentiss) Maxim, born Apr. 27, 1859, married Dec. 31, 1887 Rawson Holman. She died Feb. 19, 1920.

The children of Rawson and Laura Augusta, were:

(1) Helen May, born July 1, 1889, died Feb. 1904.

(2) Elsie F., born May 22, 1893, married April 27, 1917 Philip Janness.

1872——

SILAS SANGER [8] MAXIM, son of Silas P. and Augusta M. (Prentiss) Maxim born Oct. 6, 1872, married May 28, 1913, Edith Whitman.

The children of Silas S. and Edith, were:

(1) Louise A., born Feb. 21, 1914.

(2) Sylvia M., born April 18, 1916.

(3) Celia, born Aug. 3, 1917.

1864——

FLORENCE ALMIRA [8] MAXIM, daughter of Silas P. and Augusta M. (Prentiss) Maxim, born May 15, 1864, married Sept. 3, 1901, Benjamin F. Hicks.

The child of Benjamin F. and Florence A., was:

(1) Robert Maxim, born Jan. 17, 1905.

1887——

MILDRED LOUISE [8] PRENTISS, daughter of Mellen G. and Lydia R. (Merrill) Prentiss, born July 27, 1887, married Oct. 21, 1914 Harold W. Wright of Bangor, Me.

The children of Harold W. and Mildred M., were:

(1) William Prentiss, born Oct. 28, 1915.

(2) Mary Louise, born Dec. 21, 1916.

CHAPTER IX

Ninth Generation

1892——

ELLEN MARY[9] CHASE, daughter of Henry R. and Ethel A. (Wheeler) Chase, born at Minneapolis, Minn. Nov. 9, 1892, married at Minneapolis, Minn. Aug. 30, 1919 Conrad Arthur Anderson, son of Adolph and Amelia (Austin) Anderson of Colton, South Dakota.

Their children were:

(1) ETHEL AUSTIN, born in Minneapolis, Minn. May 24, 1920.

(2) Milton Chase, born in Minneapolis, Minn. June 20, 1922.

HISTORY

Ellen Mary Chase was graduated from the Holmes School in Minneapolis in 1907 from the East High School in Minneapolis in 1912 and from Macalester College in St. Paul with the degree of A. B. in June 1917.

During her college course she taught in 1915-16 at Zumbro Falls, Minn. In 1917-18 and 19 she was a teacher in the high school at Barrett, Minn.

After her marriage she lived at first at Sherman, South Dakota, where she taught in the High School where her husband was Principal but removed to Minneapolis in December 1919 where the family now reside.

Her husband, Conrad A. Anderson, was born at Baltic, South Dakota May 14, 1894. He attended the common school in and around Colton, S. D. and entered the preparation Dep't of Luther College at Decorah, Iowa in 1909 graduating from the college with the degree of A. B. in 1917.

He was principal of the high school at Barrett, Minn, in 1917-18. He entered the U. S. service June 27, 1918 as a member of the 351st Infantry Regiment in the 88th Division and was with his regiment during the campaign in France.

He was discharged June 7, 1919 and was appointed Principal of the high school at Sherman, South Dakota, resigning however in December 1919 to accept a position in the State Treasurer's office in St. Paul, Minn.

Present residence, Minneapolis, Minn.

1895——

HENRY WHEELER[9] CHASE, son of Henry R. and Ethel A. (Wheeler) Chase, born in Minneapolis, Minn. May 18, 1895, married in Boston, March 5, 1920 Gene Lorraine McClellan, daughter of Frank B. and —— —— McClellan.

She was born in New York City Dec. 25, 1895.

Their child was:

(1) Marelyn Wheeler, born in New York City May 15, 1921.

HISTORY

Henry Wheeler [9] Chase was educated at the public schools in Minneapolis, Minn. He enlisted Feb. 1, 1916 in the 1st Minn. Infantry N. G. and served on the Mexican Border with his regiment until March 14, 1917, and then on guard duty in Minnesota.

On June 4, 1917 he was detailed for service at various training camps, at Fort Snelling, Minn., Camp Dodge, Iowa, and Jacksonville, Florida. He was commissioned Second Lieut. Aug. 15, 1917 and First Lieut. Aug. 28, 1918.

From Jan. 19, 1918 to Feb. 20, 1919 he was detailed on special work in New York, having charge of the greater portion of all the material for uniforms for the whole army. He was honorably discharged at his own request on Feb. 20, 1919.

Present residence, New York City.

1896——

LIEUT. MILTON MANSFIELD [9] KINSEY, son of Edmund Raymond and Inez V. (Wheeler) Kinsey, born at St. Louis, Mo. Dec. 3, 1896, married at St. Louis June 12, 1920 Clara Thelma, daughter of Dr. John R. and —— Pendleton.

HISTORY

Milton M. Kinsey, was graduated from the public schools in St. Louis and entered the State University of Wisconsin, but enlisted for service in the 12th Reg't., of Engineers and served in France throughout the World War. He had charge of the construction of railways to bring supplies to the front and was once wounded. He served first as sergeant—then as 2nd Lieut., and finally as First-Lieut.—and was in many important engagements during the war. Present residence, St. Louis, Mo.

ELSIE F. [9] HOLMAN, daughter of Rawson and Laura A. (Maxim) Holman, born May 22, 1893, married April 27, 1917 Philip Janness.

The child of Philip and Elsie F., was:

(1) Phylis Leona, born Nov. 2, 1918.

CHAPTER X

The Ancestors of NATHAN HALLADAY

Father of Susan Halladay Wheeler, 1810-1902.

——1709

WALTER [1] HALLADAY of Springfield, Mass., married April 22, 1673 Katherine Hunter, daughter of William and Priscilla (——) Hunter of Springfield.

Their children of Walter and Katherine, were:

(1) Ebenezer, born at Springfield Aug. 30, 1675, died at Suffield, Conn. Oct. 19, 1679.

(2) WILLIAM, born at Springfield, 1677 or 1678, married June 4, 1702 Anna Ellis. Died at Suffield April 11, 1764.

(3) Samuel, born at Suffield, Conn. Sept. 14, 1680, married Oct. 7, 1702 at Windsor, Conn. Mary Lewis of Hartford. Died at Windsor, in 1741.

(4) Sarah, born at Suffield Feb. 8, 1682, married Nov. 16, 1698 John Burleson.

(5) Mary, born at Suffield Jan. 24, 1684, married Nov. 4, 1702 Benjamin Ellis of Stonington.

(6) John (probably) mentioned in Suffield records in 1709.

(7) Isaac, born in Suffield Nov. 8, 1690, died Nov. 16, 1690.

(8) Abigail, born in Suffield, Jan. 14, 1692, married in 1710 Samuel Miller Jr. of Springfield, (Intentions filed July 29, 1710.)

Walter Halladay died at Suffield, Conn. Sept. 21, 1709.

HISTORY

Little is known of Walter [1] Halladay. His name first appears on the records at Springfield upon the occasion of his marriage in 1673. this being so far as known the first appearance of this name in America.

It is not known whether he was born in this country or Scotland. He was descended from Sir John Halladay and his wife, the latter being a sister or niece of Sir William Wallace the Scotch hero beheaded by the English in 1305. The Halladay coat of arms is still to be seen among those of the other clans at Abbotsford, Sir Walter Scott's old home.

Albert A. [7] Halladay of Bellows Falls, Vt. a descendant of Walter (Richard H. [6] Richard M. [5], John [4], John [3], Samuel [2], Walter [1]), in a letter to the author under date of May 6, 1900 says, "When I was a boy my father had the old family records of the Halladay and Wallace races dating back hundreds of years, or to the marriage of Sir John Halladay to a sister or niece of Sir William Wallace, Scotland's famous warrior. This record was brought to this country by the Halladay who first came from Scotland and was, of course, very valuable.

It was much worn and yellowed by age and I went to work and made a copy of it, but alas! my father's buildings were burned and nothing saved.

This happened over forty years ago, and I do not think there is another copy in existence; if there is I would pay well for a copy of it."

In a personal interview, Mr. Halladay told the author more of this record describing it as a roll of paper, lengthened out by piecing as it became necessary after succeeding generations, and rolled upon a stick, the first part of the roll being very dingy and yellow.

When the fire was discovered, Mr. Halladay's father ran first to the hall closet where both the record and the copy were kept in an old "hair trunk," but it was too late to save it and he mourned more for its loss than for all his other property destroyed.

The name Halladay is spelled in various ways upon the Suffield records according to the caprices of the different town clerks. It appears as Halladay, Halliday, Haliday, Hallady, Halody, Holloday and Holliday, and all these are applied to Walter Halladay or his descendants, but it is worthy of note that when copied from original signatures as in the case of deeds, petitions etc. it appears as Halladay. There is however one deed recorded in Springfield in which the name is spelled Hallayday, and in the Springfield record of the marriage of Walter Halladay the name is spelled Hollyday.

In some old English records it is spelled Holyday (1379) Hallidaye, (1578) and Hollidaye (1583). (See Bardsley's Dict. of English and Welch surnames).

Walter Halladay was one of the early proprietors of Southfield, Mass., now Suffield, Conn. and was granted 50 acres of land there Sept. 14, 1674, but he remained in Springfield until 1678 or 1679. On March 30, 1678 he sold to Lazarus Miller 20 acres of land in Springfield on the West side of the Connecticut River at a place called "Tattom Squassocks" and in this deed calls himself of Springfield. (Springfield Registry of Deeds, Book A. B. Page 2.)

His son, Ebenezer died in Suffield Oct. 19, 1679 and it is evident therefore, that he removed to Suffield sometime between the two last named dates.

His grant or farm in one record called 50 and in another 40 acres, was on Feather St. at the corner of a road, now called Thrall Ave., running west to High St. nearly east of Suffield Center about one half mile north west of the old Enfield bridge over the Connecticut River. His brother-in-law, Samuel Kent owned the adjoining farm on the south. Here Walter Halladay lived probably until his death.

On Sept. 10, 1705 he deeded to his two sons Samuel and William, his homestead on Feather St. and his second division land "laid out unto said Walter Halladay and lyeth and is situate on the west side of the Plaine commonly called The Wolf Pit Plaine," containing 20 acres. One half of this estate was deeded to each of the above mentioned sons.

(Springfield Registry of deeds Book C. Page 350-351).

He was surveyor of highways in Suffield during the years 1689-90-91-96 and 97.

He died in Suffield Sept. 21, 1709. Some of his descendants are still living in Suffield.

Sheldon, in his history of Suffield says that Walter Halladay was probably the ancestor of all of that name in New England.

KATHERINE [2] HUNTER, wife of Walter [1] Halladay, was the daughter of William Hunter of Springfield, Mass. who came to that town in 1662 with his wife Priscilla and children Katherine and Thomas.

After the death of Walter Halladay his widow removed with her daughter Abigail to Springfield, where on June 20, 1710 she married Samuel Miller of Springfield. Her daughter Abigail married the same year, Samuel Miller, Jr. their "Intentions of marriage", having been recorded in Springfield July 29, 1710.

The record of Katherine Hunter's family is as follows.

——1676

WILLIAM [1] HUNTER, married Priscilla ——.

The children of William and Priscilla were:

(1) KATHERINE, married (1) April 22, 1673 Walter Halladay, and (2) June 20, 1710 Samuel Miller.

(2) Thomas————

(3) Sarah, born at Springfield Dec. 16, 1662, married Oct. 29, 1679 Benj. Downing.

(4) Priscilla, born at Springfield March 2, 1665, married Samuel Kent of Suffield, Conn.

(5) Mary, born at Springfield Aug. 15, 1667.

(6) James, born at Springfield Nov. 30, 1669.

(7) John, born at Springfield March 23, 1672.

(8) Hannah, born at Springfield Dec. 6, 1674.

(9) Abilene, born at Springfield Jan. 1, 1676-7, married July 28, 1796 Samuel Younglove at Suffield, Conn.

HISTORY

William Hunter was granted by the selectmen of Springfield on Jan. 30, 1662 an "allotmt of 6 acres on ye south side of the great hills," now in West Springfield, and was "admitted inhabitant" on Feb. 23, 1662. On the latter date the selectmen alloted to him a sitting "In ye 10th Seate" in the Meeting house. On Feb. 10, 1667-8 he was granted 30 acres of land "near Stoney River towards Windsor," this land being now within the limits of Suffield, Conn. On Feb. 7, 1669-70 he was elected fence viewer for "chickuppy playne" this being the term given to the land lying on the west side of the Connecticut River opposite the mouth of the Chicopee River.

His land in West Springfield extended from the Connecticut River to and partly up the hill side west of the bottom lands.

The Springfield records state that "William Hunter was slaine by the Indians July 4, 1676"—just one hundred years before the Declaration of Independance.

His widow married at Springfield Feb. 7, 1677-8 David Froe of Suffield, whom she survived, and died at Suffield, Dec. 19, 1725. In her last year she was supported, partly at least, by her grandsons the Halladays and Kents.

1677—1764

WILLIAM [2] HALLADAY, son of Walter and Katherine (Hunter) Halladay, married June 4, 1702 Anna Ellis.

The children of William and Anna, all born in Suffield, were:

(1) Anna, born May 6, 1703, married Feb. 20, 1734-5 Joshua Matson.

(2) William, born Sept— 1706, died Dec. 24, 1706.

(3) Deborah, born April 12, 1708, married June 5, 1735 John Brace of Hartford.

(4) WILLIAM, born Oct. 18, 1709, married Dec. 13, 1732 Ame Moses.

(5) Daniel, born Sept. 25, 1714, died Oct. 18, 1733.

(6) Moses, born June 11, 1716, married Nov. 2, 1737 Elizabeth Remmington.

(7) Mercy, born March 1, 1717-8.

(8) Elizabeth, born Aug. 7, 1721.

HISTORY

William [2] Halladay lived at Suffield practically all his life. In 1705 his father deeded to him one half of his home place on Feather St. and it is probable that he spent his life upon this farm as he mentions it as the homestead in the deed by which he conveyed it to his son William [3] six years before his death, (Suffield Record of Deeds B1, Page 390).

On April 2, 1713 he was granted 40 acres more and on Jan. 3, 1715 he received an additional grant of nine acres.

Between 1706 and 1736 William held various town offices having been highway surveyor and fence viewer for a great part of the time. He appears to have been a cooper by trade, and is thus designated in several deeds executed about the year 1722.

In 1730 he with others petitioned the town for permission to erect a dam for fishing purposes at the falls in the Connecticut, or "Great" River and on Dec. 14, the petition was granted by the town upon condition that the petitioners agree to sell salmon at 5d per lb and shad for 1d each and furnish a bond for £100, which was done. It is not certain that the dam was built at this time but if so it was probably swept away by the high water, for on June 9, 1737 another petition was presented to the town asking for the same privilege.

On Jan. 3, 1736-7 he deeded one half of his "honored fathers 2nd division lands on Wolf Pit Playne" to Jonathan Sheldon, (Springfield Registry of Deeds Book 1 Page 618) and on Aug. 2, 1758 he sold to his son William Halladay Jr. his home farm of 30 acres on Feather St. and all his other land in Suffield. (Suffield Records Book 1 Page 390).

William Halladay died at Suffield April 11, 1764 aged 86 or 87 years.

Of Anna Ellis, wife of William [2] Halladay, nothing is known. In the same year that she married William, one Benjamin Ellis of Stonington, Conn. married Mary Halladay, the sister of William and it has been thought that Benjamin and Anna might have been brother and sister, but no record of this has been found.

1709—1777

WILLIAM [3] HALLADAY, son of William [2] and Anna (Ellis) Halladay, born in Suffield, Conn. Oct. 13, 1709, married at Windsor, Conn. Dec. 13, 1732 Ame (or Amey) Moses, daughter of Thomas [4] and Sarah (Alderman) Moses, baptized at Simsbury, Conn. Sept. 13, 1713.

The children of William and Ame, all born at Suffield, were

(1) James, born Sept. 28, 1733, married Jan. 19, 1758 Rebecca Crosby.

(2) DANIEL, born Feb. 15, 1735-6, married Jan. 17, 1760 Anna Higley of Simsbury, Conn.

(3) Anna, born Feb. 25, 1739-40, married Feb. 24, 1763 Elijah Higley of Simsbury, Conn.

(4) Mercy, born March 4, 1742.

(5) Abia, born July 20, 1744.

(6) William, born April 26, 1747, married Hulda Pease, died at Booneville, N. Y. May 7, 1831.

(7) Aaron, born Jan. 20, 1749, married Naomi Smith, died Aug. 23, 1788.

(8) Ame, born April—1754.

(9) Asaph, born July 25, 1758.

HISTORY

William [3] Halladay, like his father lived and probably died in Suffield. He was constable, fence viewer and highway surveyor in that town at various times between 1739 and 1765.

On June 6, 1737 he and his cousin John Halladay, with others, petitioned the town of Suffield "for liberty to erect a small dam of about two feet high and three or four rods out into the River; above all the Common and standing fishing places on the Upper Falls in said Suffield." The location of this dam was probably where the Enfield dam now is, between the Thompsonville and Enfield bridge sites.

On Jan. 29, 1750 he bought of Jonathan Remington a farm of 25 acres on Feather St., (Suffield Records Book 1 Page 6).

This lot he and his son sold in 1777.

On Oct. 10, 1753, he and his cousin, Isaac Halladay sold four acres of land belonging to "ye right, our honored Grandfather, Walter Halladay." (Suffield Records Book 1 Page 292)., and on Sept. 9, 1760 they sold another lot on "the mountain" in Suffield which had also been laid out to Walter Halladay.

In 1758 he bought of his father for £300, the homestead on Feather St. originally granted to his grandfather, Walter Halladay. This he in turn sold to his son William Sept. 13, 1773. There appears to be no record of the death of William [3] Halladay.

AME or AMEY MOSES, wife of William [3] Halladay, was the daughter of Thomas [4] and Sarah (Alderman) Moses of Simsbury, Conn., where she was baptized on Sept. 13, 1713.

On one of the record books of the town of Suffield is recorded the marriage of William Halladay and *Anna* Moses. But this book has been copied from an older one, and a search in the original volume reveals the fact that the name as recorded is *Ame* instead of Anna, and that a mistake had been made in transcribing to the newer book.

Ame Moses was a descendant of John [1] Moses who came from England about 1632 settling first at Hingham and afterwards removing to Plymouth. He was a blacksmith or shipwright, and established a ship yard at Duxbury.

His old anvil which he brought from England, plainly marked with the figures 1632, is still in the possession of the Moses family at Mt. Morris, Livingston Co. N. Y.

His son John [2] Moses settled at Windsor, Conn. before 1647. He was a soldier in Capt. John Mason's troop of horse and saw much service in King Philips war. Two of his sons William and Thomas were also soldiers in this war, and of both the record reads, "He was wounded that he died." Probably they were hit by poisoned arrows as they lived about five years after the storming of the Narragansett fort where they were wounded.

John [2] Moses married Mary Brown May 18, 1653. He had lands and residences in both Windsor and Simsbury. His farm at Simsbury was at the northerly end of Mt. Philip, south east of Simsbury Center. He died at Windsor, Conn. Oct. 14, 1683, and his wife Mary died Sept. 14, 1689. (See "The Moses family," by Zebina Moses of Washington, D. C.)

John [3] Moses, son of John [2] and Mary (Brown) Moses, married July 14, 1680 Deborah Thrall, daughter of Timothy [2] and Deborah (Gunn) Thrall. Timothy [2] Thrall was the son of William [1] of Windsor.

John [3] Moses settled on his father's estate in the gap between the hills at the north end of Mt. Philip in Simsbury and lived and died there.

Thomas [4] Moses, son of John [3] born May 8, 1685, married Sarah Alderman, daughter of William and Sarah (Case) Alderman of Simsbury. Their daughter was born in Simsbury and married William [3] Halladay Dec. 13, 1732.

1736—1818

DANIEL [4] HALLADAY, son of William [3] and Amey (Moses) Halladay, born at Suffield, Conn. Feb. 15, 1735-6, married Jan. 7, 1760 Anna Higley, daughter of David and Anna (Owen) Higley of Simsbury, born ug. 19, 1738.

The children of Daniel and Anna, all born at Simsbury, were:

(1) Daniel, born March 20, 1761, married Oct. 30, 1785 Hannah Phelps of Simsbury. Died at Marlboro, Vt. Nov. 21, 1848.

(2) Eli, born May 25, 1763, married at Turkey Hills, Conn. Aug. 25, 1785 Catherine Stephens. Died at Greenfield, Ohio in 1849.

(3) Roger, born Oct. 9, 1765.

(4) Susannah, born Feb. 25, 1768, married Freegrace Adams of Suffield.

(5) NATHAN, born Aug. 22, 1771, married Nov. 12, 1797 Susanna Adams. Died at Buffalo, N. Y. in 1816.

(6) Elihu, born Jan. 24, 1774, physician at Newfane, Vt.

(7) Luke, born Oct. 17, 1776, married Dec. 31, 1805 Sarah Smith. Died at Hartford, N. Y. Sept. 24, 1828.

(8) Abel, born Dec. 16, 1779. Died at East Granby, Conn. Dec. 17, 1779.

(9) Oliver, born Aug. 25, 1781. Died at East Granby, Conn., March 31, 1787.

(10) Anna, born June 8, 1784. married Rufus Stockwell of Dummerston, Vt.

Daniel [4] Halladay died at Marlboro, Vt. Jan. 21, 1818 aged 82 and his wife died Feb. 15, 1819 aged 81.

HISTORY

Daniel [4] Halladay lived in Suffield until his marriage in 1760 when he removed to Simsbury settling near "Higleytown", so called, the home of his wife's father.

One of the gifts of David Higley of Simsbury to his daughter Anna after her marriage to Daniel Halladay was the deed to a lot "in Simsbury aforesaid on the north side of the (Farmington) river in Turkey Hills society." This deed is dated Aug. 15, 1761, and is recorded in the Simsbury records Book 8, Page 441.

This land was situated in that part of Simsbury now within the limits of East Granby and nearly opposite the village of Tariffville. The locality was known as the Turkey Hills Society. The records of this society which antedates the town of East Granby, show that Daniel Halladay served as one of the school committee for the years 1771-2-3-4-5-8-1780-1 and 6, nine years in all. In 1774, he was upon a committee to treat with a minister whom the society proposed to call, and was one of the 17 "tavern keepers" elected by the society to entertain guests at the installation of the new minister on Nov. 27, 1776. In 1786, just before his removal from town the northerly portion of the town was set off as a separate town by the name of East Granby and this included within its boundaries the Turkey Hills Society.

About 1788 or a little later he removed with his family to Marlboro, Vt. Two of his sons, Daniel Jr. and Eli, had settled in Marlboro previously, about 1780 and had bought 100 acres of wild land which has been until recently in the hands of Daniel's descendants and it was to this farm that Daniel came and here he lived until his death.

His sons Daniel Jr. and Eli were prominent men in Marlboro, occupying the offices of selectmen, moderator of town meetings, representative to the General Court, etc.

Daniel [4] Halladay died at Marlboro, Vt. Jan. 21, 1818 aged 82, and his wife Anna on the 15th of April 1819 aged 81. Both died at the house of their son Daniel. (See Newtons Mss. History of Marlboro in State Library, Montpelier).

ANNA [4] HIGLEY, wife of Daniel [4] Halladay was the daughter of David and Anna (Owen) Higley, born at Simsbury Aug. 19, 1738.

The genealogy of her family is as follows.

1649—1714

CAPT. JOHN [1] HIGLEY, son of Jonathan and Katherine (Brewster) Higley, born in England July 22, 1649, married (1) at Windsor, Conn. Nov. 9, 1671 Hannah Drake, daughter of John and Hannah (Moore) Drake, born at Windsor Aug. 5, 1653, died Aug. 4, 1694, and (2) Mrs. Sarah (Strong) Russell, daughter of Return and Grace (Warham) Strong and grand daughter of Rev. John Warham.

Capt. John Higley died Aug. 25, 1714.

The children of Capt. John and Hannah, were:

(1) John, born Aug. 10, 1673, died Dec. 1, 1741.

(2) Jonathan, born at Windsor Feb. 16, 1675, married Dec. 4, 1701 Ann——.

(3) Hannah, twin, born March 13, 1677, died young.

(4) Elizabeth, twin, born March 13, 1677, married Nathaniel Bancroft of Westfield, Mass. Died Dec. 9, 1744.

(5) Katherine, born Aug. 7, 1679, married James Noble of Westfield.

(6) ENSIGN BREWSTER, born 1680, married Feb. 17, 1708-9 Esther Holcomb.

(7) Hannah, born April 22, 1683, married Aug. 31, 1704 Joseph Trumbull. Died Nov. 7, 1768.

(8) Joseph, born at Simsbury, Conn. in 1685, died May 3, 1715.

(9) Dr. Samuel, born at Simsbury, Conn. in 1687, married Abigail ——. Lost at sea in 1727.

(10) Mindwell, born at Simsbury, Conn. about 1689, married Sept. 2, 1714 Jonathan Hutchinson of Lebanon, Conn.

The children of Capt. John and Sarah, all born in Simsbury, were:

(11) Sarah, born 1697, married Dec. 24, 1723 Jonathan Loomis of Windsor, Conn.

(12) Nathaniel, born Nov. 12, 1699.

(13) Joshua, twin, born Sept. 8, 1701, died April 2, 1702.

(14) Josiah, twin, born Sept. 8, 1701, married Dec. 31, 1724 Dinah Gillett. Died May 31, 1750.

(15) Abigail born Nov. 4, 1703, married Peter Thorpe.

(16) Susannah, born 1705, married Jan. 2, 1724 Elisha Blackman of Lebanon, Conn.

(17) Isaac, born July 3, 1707, married Feb. 13, 1735 Sarah Porter.

HISTORY

Capt. John [1] Higley, was born in Frimley, Sussex Co. England, and was the son of Jonathan Higley.

His mother was Katherine Brewster, the daughter of Rev. John Brewster who died in England Aug. 23, 1657.

They were of the lineage of the Brewster family of Mayflower fame (Ancient Windsor, Vol. 2, Page 387).

Jonathan Higley died in England in 1664 and two years later young John who was then 17, came to New England. Coming up the Connecticut River in a vessel to Windsor, then a growing town, young Higley was bound out for the remainder of his minority, probably to John Drake, whose daughter he afterwards married.

After his marriage he continued to live in Windsor where several of his children were born. He settled first upon the east side of the Great River as the Connecticut was then called, being there in June 1672 and remaining probably until 1675, when the trouble with the Indians drove him with the rest of the settlers to the west side. He was engaged in the East Indian trade, owned ships running to the Islands and made voyages thither himself, while living in Windsor. He was Justice of the peace and afterwards Judge of the County Court. He was one of the original proprietors of Simsbury, and removed to that town in 1684, becoming the most noted citizen, the most extensive land owner, and the heaviest tax payer in town.

He acquired all the land between Simsbury and Salmon River (now Granby) and to West Mountain including some of the finest land along the Farmington River. The location of his residence northwest of the present village of Tariffville, was called "Higley Town" for 150 years. He also owned lands at "Turkey Hills" and "Scotland," and was proprietor of the copper mines at Copper Hill or Newgate in Granby in 1705-7.

He was prominent in all the activities of the town and was representative to the General Court for 37 terms (22 years). His daughter Hannah married Joseph Trumbull of Suffield and attained the unique and honorable distinction of having her son, grandson, and great grandson occupy the high office of Governor of Connecticut.

HANNAH DRAKE, wife of Capt. John [1] Higley, was the daughter of John [2] and Hannah (Moore) Drake and was born at Windsor Aug. 5, 1653. Her mother was the daughter of Thomas Moore of Windsor. Her father was the son of John [1] and Elizabeth (——) Drake, born in England in 1581, and died at Windsor Oct. 7, 1681 aged 100 years.

John [1] Drake was at Dorchester, Mass. in 1630 and in Windsor as early as 1639. John [2] Drake and Hannah Moore were married in 1648, and lived in Windsor until their removal to Simsbury, probably between 1672 and 1676.

1680—1760

ENSIGN BREWSTER [2] HIGLEY, son of Capt. John and Hannah (Drake) Higley, born at Windsor, Conn. in 1680, married Feb. 17, 1708-9 Esther Holcomb, daughter of Dea Nathaniel and Mary (Bliss) Holcomb, born in Feb. 1684.

The children of Brewster and Mary, all born at Simsbury, Conn. were:

(1) Dea Brewster, born Dec. 12, 1709, married (1) Esther Holcomb, and (2) Mindwell Bull. Died March 21, 1794 aged 85.

(2) DAVID, born in 1712, married April 3, 1735 Anna Owen.

(3) Joseph, born Oct. 21, 1715, married Ruth Holcomb, died in May 1790.

(4) Hannah, born Dec. 17, 1717, married Elijah Owen, died in 1812 aged 95.

(5) Esther, born Dec. 3, 1719, married Capt. Josiah Case, died in 1807.

(6) John, born Feb. 17, 1722, married Appia Humphrey, died Jan. 22, 1808.

(7) Elizabeth, born in 1723, married Rev. Gideon Mills, died in 1817.

(8) Naomi, born in 1726, married Solomon Humphrey, died in 1817.

Brewster [2] Higley, died Nov. 5, 1760 and his wife died Dec. 17, 1775.

HISTORY

Ensign Brewster Higley was a prominent man in Simsbury and vicinity. He owned large tracts of land and was interested in the copper mines owned by his father. He gave to each of his sons a homestead during his lifetime and still owned at the time of his death 900 acres. He also left to each son £200 and to each daughter £100.

John Brown of Harpers Ferry fame was the great grandson of Brewster's daughter Hannah, and his daughter Naomi was the grandmother of Rev. Herman Humphrey, the first President of Amherst College.

Brewster [2] Higley, had a son, grandson, and great grandson, all named Brewster Higley.

Upon the Simsbury records, is the following:

"April 7th A.D. 1757, Brewster Higley the 3rd, son of Brewster Higley the 2nd, and Esther Owen, Daughter of John Owen and Esther, his wife, were Joined in marriage by John Humphreys Esq. Their Grandfathers name is Brewster Higley and Grand Mothers name Esther. Their Fathers name is Brewster and Mothers name is Esther. So that there is Three Jenerations from Grandfather and Grandmother down to Grandson and Grand Daughter, all of one name for male and one name for female. Three Generations now living may the Divine Blessing Rest on them to the Latest Posterity." In addition to this it may be stated that a son was born to this youngest Brewster Higley March 14, 1759, and named Brewster so that there were living before the death of Brewster [2] Higley in 1760 four Brewster Higleys in direct descent.

It is said that the name Brewster has been continued in this family up to the present time when a Brewster of the seventh generation from Ensign Brewster is living.

Brewster Higley [3] was a deacon in the church and in the Higley genealogy the following anecdote of him is related. "In 1773 the town of Simsbury voted to sing according to rules taught in singing schools and a singing school teacher with his scholars appeared in church one Sunday and the choir started to sing a tune much more lively than the congregation were accustomed to hear and Dea Brewster Higley took his hat and left the house exclaiming as he passed down the aisle—popery! popery!"

ESTHER [3] HOLCOMB, wife of Ensign Brewster Higley was the daughter of Dea Nathaniel and Mary (Bliss) Holcomb and was born in 1684. Her father was the son of Thomas [1] Holcomb of Dorchester and Windsor and was a prominent citizen of Windsor and Simsbury. He was a deacon in the Simsbury church and representative to the General Court in 1703-4-5-6-1720 and 1722.

Esther's mother was the daughter of Nathaniel and Catherine (Chapin) Bliss and was born in Springfield, Mass. Sept. 23, 1651. Her father was the son of Thomas and Margaret Bliss of Hartford. Her grandmother, Catherine Chapin was the daughter of Deacon Samuel Chapin, one of the founders of Springfield, and her marriage to Nathaniel Bliss is recorded under date of Nov. 20, 1646. Both the birth of Mary Bliss, and her marriage to Nathaniel "Holkum" on Feb. 27, 1670, are recorded in Springfield.

1712—1790

DAVID [3] HIGLEY, son of Ensign Brewster and Esther (Holcomb) Higley, born at Simsbury, Conn. in 1712, married April 3, 1735 Anna Owen, born in 1712.

The children of David and Anna, all born in Simsbury, were:

(1) David, born March 10, 1736, died young.
(2) ANNA, born Aug. 19, 1738, married Jan. 7, 1760 Daniel Halladay.
(3) Deborah, born Nov. 3, 1741, died Nov. 5, 1741.
(4) Elizabeth, born Feb. 13, 1742-3.
(5) David, born July 6, 1745, married about 1777 Mary Higley.
(6) Deborah, born Oct. 15, 1747, married (1) James Carr, and (2) Stephen Griffin.
(7) Terzah, born July 25, 1752, married in 1779 Benjamin Wright of Egremont, Mass.

David [3] Higley died about 1790, and his wife Anna died Dec. 31, 1786.

HISTORY

David [3] Higley lived in that part of Simsbury, Conn. known as "Turkey Hills", now East Granby. After the death of his father and the removal of his mother to Windsor, he occupied the home place. He was a man

highly esteemed in his native town where he was surveyor of highways, school committee man and a member of the church in the Turkey Hills parish. It is noted that in the races of men against horses from Salmon River (now Granby, Conn.) to Westfield, Mass. he was always the victor.

If there was trouble with the Indians or a deer hunt it was David Higley who was called upon to take the lead.

He died about 1790.

Of Anna Owen, wife of David Higley, no record has been found. It has been supposed that she might be the daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Palmer) Owen, the date of whose birth is upon the Windsor records as July 31, 1709. But upon the gravestone of Mrs. Anna Higley it is stated that she died on Dec. 31, 1786 in the 75th year of her age, which would indicate the year of her birth as 1712. This is corroborated by the church record in Turkey Hills where she joined the church in 1677 at which time her age was given as 65.

It is almost certain, however, that she was the grand daughter of John [1] Owen who came from Wales and married Rebecca Wade Oct. 3, 1650 as this was the only Owen family in this vicinity.

CHAPTER XI

Nathan [5] Halladay and Allied Families.

1771—1816

NATHAN [5] HALLADAY, son of Daniel [4] and Anna (Higley) Halladay, born in Simsbury, Conn. Aug. 22, 1771, married Nov. 12, 1797 Susanna Adams, daughter of Capt. Simeon and Susanna (Underwood) Adams of Marlboro, Vermont.

Their children, a part, and probably all, born at Marlboro, Vt. were:

(1) Rhoda, born Oct. 14, 1798, died in Buffalo, N. Y. in 1816.

(2) Henry, born Oct. 11, 1800, died Aug. 7, 1803.

(3) Almira, born March 14, 1803, married June 19, 1833 Stephen White of Colrain, Mass.

(4) HENRY, born March 2, 1805, married Nov. 19, 1833 Caroline Stearns of Wilmington, Vt. Died at Troy, N. Y. March 18, 1890.

(5) NATHAN WILLARD, born —1808, married Jan. 1, 1829 Sabra Plumb of Halifax, Vt. Died at Heartwellville, Vt. Aug. 25, 1867.

(6) SUSAN, born Dec. 17, 1810, married (1) Lewis White, and (2) Daniel R. Wheeler of Rutland, Mass. Died May 7, 1902.

(7) Lucius, ————, died at Buffalo, N. Y. in 1816.

HISTORY

Nathan [5] Halladay spent his boyhood days in that portion of Simsbury, Conn. now within the limits of East Granby, and removed with his family when about 17 years old to Marlboro, Vt. where he married Susanna Adams.

He followed his trade, that of a tanner, both at Marlboro, Vt. and at Richmond, N. H. where he lived for a short time with his family.

Returning to Marlboro, he remained until about 1816, when he determined to remove to the then far west and join his brother Eli who had settled a short time before at Greenfield, Ohio. The family travelled by team to Buffalo, and embarked on a vessel upon Lake Erie, but a severe storm came up in which all their goods were lost and the vessel after nearly foundering was driven back to Buffalo. Here Nathan Halladay was taken sick of a fever and died, probably in 1816, aged 45.

SUSANNA [5] ADAMS, wife of Nathan Halladay was born July 11, 1773 at Suffield, Conn. but her family removed to Marlboro, Vt. when she was about five years old and she was brought up amid the hardships incident to pioneer life in Vermont.

When about 10 or 12 years old, she was out with her younger brother Rufus who behaved badly and in order to control him she asked him if

she should call a bear. At that moment hearing a noise and looking around she saw a large bear climbing over a fence near her. She had the presence of mind to seize her brother and finally made her way to the house unharmed.

Upon the death of her husband in Buffalo she was left alone with her six children.

Two of these, Rhoda the eldest and Lucius the youngest were taken sick and soon followed their father, and the widow with her four remaining children was left to make her way back to Vermont as best she could. But Susanna Adams Halladay was equal to the occasion.

Descended from the Adams and Underwood families she inherited some of their indomitable spirit and perseverence. Her goods and probably her team were at the bottom of Lake Erie and all her ready money had been used in the expenses incident to the sickness and death of three of her family.

She was hundreds of miles from any one she knew and there were no swift means of communication as now between her and her old home. In her trouble she wrote to her brother Capt. Simeon Adams who sent his team all the long distance from Marlboro, Vt. to Buffalo and brought home his sister and her family and helped them start again in life. Let this act be recorded to the credit of Simeon Adams of Marlboro.

After returning to Vermont the family necessarily separated. Henry learned the trade of a tanner at West Halifax, Vt., Willard was put upon a farm; Almira learned the tailor's trade, and Susan, the youngest, remained with her uncle Simeon Adams until her mother's second marriage. Mrs. Halladay several years later married Henry Babbitt, a farmer of Colerain, Mass. whom she survived.

She lived afterwards with her son Willard, then a large lumber manufacturer at West Readsboro, Vt. but finally went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Susan H. Wheeler at Rutland, Mass. where she died Dec. 29, 1870 aged 92 years and 5 months and was buried in the Wheeler lot in Rutland Rural Cemetery.

Mrs. Halladay was a woman of ability and quick at repartee. When she was more than 80 years old a grandson who had just married brought his wife into her presence and introduced her, saying, "Well, Grandma, this is my wife. What do you think of her?"

The old lady quickly replied, "Well, I see that she has made *one* mistake *already*."

"Oh! Grandma," said the grandson, "You are too smart for me."

The genealogy of the family of Susanna Adams is as follows.

1601—1682

Robert [1] Adams, born in Devonshire, England in 1601, married (1) Eleanor Wilmot, who died June 12, 1677, and (2) Feb. 6, 1678 Mrs. Sarah (Glover) Short who died Oct. 24, 1697.

The children of Robert and Eleanor, were:

(1) John, born in England, married ——Woodman.

(2) Joanna, born in England in 1633 or 1634, married Jan. 4, 1654 Lancelot Granger, Removed to Suffield, Conn.

(3) Serg't Abraham, born at Salem in 1639, married Mary Pettingell, died June 14, 1714.

(4) Elizabeth, born in Newbury about 1641-2, married Edward Phelps of Andover.

(5) Mary, born at Newbury about 1643, married Nov. 15, 1660 Jeremiah Goodridge.

(6) Isaac, born at Newbury in 1648, died unmarried.

(7) Jacob, born at Newbury April 23, 1649, died Aug. 12, 1649.

(8) Hannah, born at Newbury, June 25, 1650, married Feb. 10, 1682 William Warham.

(9) JACOB, born at Newbury Sept. 13, 1651, married April 7, 1677 Anna Allyn.

HISTORY

Robert [1] Adams was born in Devonshire, England, in 1601 and came to Massachusetts in 1635 settling first at Ipswich. He removed to Salem where he resided in 1638 and 1639, and in 1640 he removed to Newbury where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a tailor by trade and his old shears, a large pair, are still preserved in Newbury. He owned a large farm and accumulated considerable property which was left by will to his children.

A copy of this will may be found in the N. E. Gen. and Hist. Register Vol. 9 Page 126.

Robert [1] Adams died at Newbury Oct. 12, 1682 aged 81.

1651—1717

JACOB [2] ADAMS, son of Robert and Eleanor (Wilmot) Adams, born at Newbury, Sept. 13, 1651, married April 7, 1677 Anna Allyn, daughter of Edward and Mary (Kimball) Allyn of Suffield.

The children of Jacob and Anna, were:

(1) Dorothy, born at Newbury July 26, 1679, married Jan. 12, 1698 Richard Austin. Died June 26, 1772.

(2) Rebecca, born at Newbury Aug. 26, 1680, married Dec. 29, 1714 John Harman of Suffield, Conn.

(3) Serg't Jacob, born at Suffield, Conn. 1661-2, married Dec. 24, 1702 Mercy Gillett. Died Oct. 28, 1756.

(4) Daniel, born at Suffield, 1682-3, married Dec. 24, 1712, Mary Sikes.

(5) Elizabeth, born at Suffield Aug. 16, 1686, married Dec. 29, 1719 Daniel Warner of Sunderland, Mass.

(6) Lieut. Abraham, born at Suffield Nov. 10, 1687, married (1) April 7, 1713 Joanna Norton of Suffield, and (2) July 25, 1733 Anna Hayden. Died Feb. 12, 1769 aged 81.

(7) John, born at Suffield, died Nov. 9, 1690.

(8) Anna, born at Suffield.

(9) Sarah, born at Suffield.

(10) JOHN, born at Suffield June 18, 1694, married July 28, 1722 Abigail Rowe, of Suffield.

HISTORY

Jacob [2] Adams lived at Newbury, Mass., at least until 1680 when he is mentioned in his father's will as living upon a farm near the Merrimac River. He removed to Suffield, Mass. (now Connecticut) probably in 1681 or 1682 and in 1686 bought of his brother-in-law, John Allyn, a farm at "the ferry" now at the west end of the bridge over the Connecticut River and opposite the village of Thompsonville, Conn.

He became prominent in town affairs, was surveyor or Land Measurer and Sealer of Leather for many years and also Selectman. He was also representative to the General Court from Suffield in 1711, 1714 and 1717. He died while attending the General Court at Boston in Nov., 1717.

His will dated at Boston Nov. 20, 1717 and allowed by the Probate Court in that city on Nov. 27, 1717, is recorded in the Probate offices at Boston and Northampton. He left a considerable property to his wife and children.

Anna [2] Allyn, wife of Jacob [2] Adams was born Jan. 3, 1658. Her father was Edward [1] Allyn who according to tradition was a soldier under Cromwell and came from Scotland in 1636.

He married Mary Kimball and had eleven children.

A farm was granted him in Dedham in 1649. He took the freeman's oath in 1666 and lived in Ipswich in 1670, during which year his barn was burned by lightning.

He went to Suffield about 1678 when he and his three sons were granted land near the river opposite Thompsonville.

His son John established the first ferry and was allowed by the court to charge not more than "4d ye horse & 2d ye man," for toll. (Hampshire Court Records Vol. A).

John sold his place to Jacob Adams in 1686 and removed to Deerfield where he was killed by the Indians May 11, 1704.

Edward Allyn was selectman, tything man, etc. in Suffield and was prominent in town affairs. His wife was deaf and the town voted on Dec. 16, 1695, as follows. "Also that Ensigne Pengilly and Corporall Allyn in reference to their wives being thick of hearing: it was Granted; that they should have liberty to make them a Seat before or just under the Pulpit, somewhat higher than other seats for the better accomodating of them to hear the word dispensed."

Edward Allyn died at Suffield Nov. 22, 1696, and his wife Mary also died the same year.

1694——

JOHN [3] ADAMS, son of Jacob and Anna (Allyn) Adams, born at Suffield June 18, 1694, married July 26, 1722 Abigail Roe or Rowe, daughter

of Peter and Sarah (Remington) Rowe, born in Suffield Sept. 23, 1691.

The children of John and Abigail, all born at Suffield, were:

(1) Moses, born Jan. 8, 1722-3, married Oct. 30, 1746 Mehitable Sykes, died Oct. 18, 1809.

(2) CAPT. SIMEON, born Nov. 30, 1724, married Jan. 8, 1765 Susanna Underwood of Suffield.

(3) Anna, born June 8, 1727.

(4) Lieut. Joel, born Dec. 20, 1729, married July 16, 1761 Elizabeth Fowler, died at Marlboro, Vt. in 1820.

(5) Lucy, born May 31, 1731.

HISTORY

John [3] Adams lived all his life at Suffield where he was constable and filled other minor offices. He received a grant of land Jan. 3, 1715. Two of his sons, Capt. Simeon and Lieut. Joel were soldiers in the French and Indian war, the latter being wounded in the battle at Lake George, N. Y. Both of these sons later settled at Marlboro, Vt.

Abigail [3] Roe (or Rowe) wife of John [3] Adams was the daughter of Peter [2] and Sarah (Remington) Roe. Her father was selectman eight or ten years, Moderator of town meeting, Tything man, Trustee of town funds, member of building committees, etc. He was also one of the proprietors of the Iron Works on Stony River.

His wife was the daughter of Thomas and Mehitable (Walker) Remington of Windsor, Conn. Peter Roe died in Suffield Feb. 4, 1739.

Abigail's grandfather was Hugh [1] Roe who was in Weymouth as early as 1655 when his daughter Esther died. He was in Hartford from 1661 to 1669 and perhaps longer. He was a freeman and had land and voted in Suffield as early as 1674.

He died at Suffield Aug. 5, 1689 and his wife Abigail died Sept. 3, 1689.

1724—1803

CAPT. SIMEON [4] ADAMS, son of John [3] and Abigail (Rowe) Adams, born at Suffield, Conn. Nov. 20 1724, married Jan. 8, 1765,* Susanna Underwood, daughter of Jonathan and Susanna (Parker) Underwood of Suffield.

The children of Simeon and Susanna, all except one born in Suffield, were:

(1) Hannah, born Nov. 23, 1767, died Nov. 20, 1771. These dates are from a record in an old Bible. The town records are Nov. 28, 1766 and Nov. 27, 1770 respectively.

(2) Capt. Oliver, born April 3, 1769, married Aug. 1791 Lucy Miller. Removed to Hinsdale, N. H. and died there Jan. 20, 1828.

(3) Capt. Simeon, born Jan. 8, 1771, married Aug. 1797 Lucy Mather. Died at Marlboro, Vt. Dec. 13, 1846.

(4) David, born June 9, 1773, married Jan. 1799———.

(5) Hannah, born Oct. 10, 1775, married Aug. 1796 Josiah Britton. Died at Hubbardston.

(6) SUSANNA, born July 11, 1778, married Nov. 12, 1797 Nathan Halladay. Died at Rutland, Mass. Dec. 29, 1870 aged 92 years.

(7) Rufus, born at Marlboro, Vt., March 20, 1785.

*These dates are from record in the Adams family Bible. The town records are Nov. 4, 1724 and Jan. 28, 1766.

HISTORY

Capt. Simeon Adams spent his early life in his native town, Suffield, Conn.

He was a soldier in the French and Indian war, was captured by the French and taken to Canada where he was ransomed and afterwards returned home.

He enlisted again and was again taken prisoner, this time by the Indians, was again taken to Canada and again ransomed.

In after years he was accustomed to say that during his captivity he fared as well with the Indians as with the French.

After his final return from the war he married Susanna Underwood and lived for 18 years at Suffield.

In 1783 he bought of Joseph Pease land in Marlboro, Vt. and probably removed to that place the same year. He took the freeman's oath in Marlboro in 1783.

His relatives, Freegrace Adams and Ira Adams, had settled in Marlboro several years prior to this time. He accumulated considerable property and died at Marlboro, Vt. Aug. 1, 1803, aged 79.

Susanna Underwood, wife of Capt. Simeon Adams, was born in Westford, Mass. in 1747 and was about 16 years old when her family removed to Suffield, Conn. where two years later she married Capt. Adams, who was 23 years her senior. She was a remarkable woman in many respects. Tall, with a large frame, a complexion almost swarthy, and a commanding presence, she was eminently fitted to be the helpmeet of the rugged soldier and pioneer whose wife she was.

She was an intellectual and witty as well as a muscular woman and many stories are told of her. Two tramps came to her house once and finding no one but a woman, sat down to the table and demanded dinner. She seized the long handled shovel from the fireplace and advancing, threatened to brain them if they hesitated about leaving. They quickly left.

Her life covered the period of the Revolution in which her father served as an American soldier. She was a generous and kind hearted woman, and fed and sheltered many Revolutionary soldiers after the war, when, poor and unpaid, they came to her door.

Once when one called and asked for food, she asked him from what place he came, and he rather impudently replied, "from Heaven." "Go on then" she at once replied, "If you came from Heaven you surely need no earthly food,"—and on he went.

The Underwood family seem to have been witty. Susanna's brother, Thadeus, had a son Richard, who was a favorite because of his wit and ability to make rhymes and for that reason was much in demand in parties and other gatherings in Marlboro and vicinity.

It is probable that the facetiousness and ready wit of some members of the Halladay family have descended to them from their ancestors on the Underwood side.

Susanna Underwood Adams died at Marlboro, Vt. Sept. 14, 1845 at the great age of 98 years.

The following article from the Vermont Phoenix of Sept. 25, 1845 is indicative of the esteem in which she was held.

"Died at Marlboro, Vt. on the 14th instant Susanna Adams, aged 98 years. She survived her husband 42 years and buried 41 of her descendants. Her posterity consisted of 7 children, 38 grandchildren, 127 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren, who number 183.

There are now living in different parts of the country 142 of her descendants to remember her virtues and her delight in their prosperity. Mrs. Adams was born in Medway, Conn. in 1747. (This is wrong as she was born in Westford, Mass. Her mother was born in Medway, Mass.) In the early days of Vermont she came with her husband to this new country to endure its hardships and reap its prospective rewards. She was remarkable for the strength of her memory as well as her bodily vigor and energy of character; she could sympathize with the afflicted and with a benevolent heart open the door of charity to the needy, but time in its flight bears the strongest as well as the oldest to the grave.

The bell strikes one, we take no note of time,
But from its loss, to give it then a tongue
Is wise in man, as if an angel spoke,
I feel the solemn sound."

The genealogy of Susanna Underwood's family is as follows.

1615—1677

JOSEPH [1] UNDERWOOD, born in England in 1615, married (1) Mary Wilder, who died Feb. 13, 1658, and (2) April 29, 1665 (or perhaps in 1662) Mary Howe of Dorchester.

His children, probably all born in Watertown, Mass, were:

(1) JOSEPH, born probably in 1650, married Elizabeth———.
(2) Mary——married May 18, 1670 Isaac Onge.
(3) Sarah——.
(4) Hannah——married Oct. 14, 1680 John Gibson.
(5) Elizabeth——married Sept. 13, 1693 William Bull.
(6) Thomas——married Magdalen— died 1680.
(7) Martha——.

The names of these children may not be given in their proper order.
Joseph [1] Underwood died at Watertown, Mass. Feb. 17, 1677.

HISTORY

The name of Joseph Underwood appears as an immigrant from London to Virginia in 1635 and it is probable that this was the Joseph who settled in Hingham, as both he and his brother Thomas appear to have lived in London before coming to America. He was one of the proprietors of Hingham in 1637, and subsequently removed to Watertown, Mass. where he was admitted freeman in 1645.

He bought land in Watertown of John Lawrence Oct. 27, 1662. The probate records mention the names of all his children except Mary (See History of Hingham and History of Watertown.)

1650—1691

JOSEPH [2] UNDERWOOD, son of Joseph and Mary (Wilder) Underwood, born in Watertown, Mass. probably in 1650, married Elizabeth——.

The children of Joseph and Elizabeth, were:

(1) Mary, born at Watertown in 1673.

(2) Joseph, born at Watertown in 1675, died young.

(3) John, born at Watertown March 6, 1677, married Rebecca Shattuck, and settled in Charlestown, Mass.

(4) Elizabeth, born at Watertown May 8, 1679, married in 1700 Nathaniel Cutler.

(5) JOSEPH, born at Reading May 28, 1681, married in 1707 Susanna Parker.

(6) Joshua, born at Reading Jan. 31, 1682-3, settled in Sherburne.

(7) Jonathan, born at Reading in 1685.

(8) Mary (or Sarah) born in Reading May 1687.

(9) Hannah, baptized at Reading April 13, 1690, married in 1709 Daniel Richardson of Medway, Mass.

HISTORY

Joseph [2] Underwood lived in Watertown until about 1680 when he removed to Reading where he resided the remainder of his life. He was admitted freeman in 1690. He died in 1691, probably, as his will dated Feb. 16, 1690 was proved April 7, 1691.

His wife Elizabeth survived him. (See History of Watertown and History of Reading).

1681—1761

JOSEPH [3] UNDERWOOD, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Underwood, born at Reading May 28, 1681, married in 1707 Susanna Parker, daughter of Nathaniel and Bethiah (Polly) Parker of Reading.

The children of Joseph and Susanna, were:

(1) Joseph, born at Reading Mar. 1, 1708, graduated at Harvard College. Studied for Ministry, married in 1739 Ruth Bancroft. Died in Westford, April 4, 1745.

(2) Thomas, born at Reading Oct. 7, 1709, died Oct. 20, 1732.

(3) Mary, born at Reading Oct. 28, 1711, married Col Buckley. Died Nov. 26, 1803.

(4) Elizabeth, born at Reading, Feb. 2, 1714, married in 1735 Joseph Fletcher. Removed to Dunstable.

(5) JONATHAN, born at Westford Jan. 22, 1716, married in 1739 Hannah Richardson. Died in Marlboro, Vt. Oct. 1, 1794.

(6) Amy, born at Westford Oct. 16, 1717, married in 1736 James Spaulding. Died May 23, 1770.

(7) Ruth, born at Westford, Jan. 20, 1719, married Joseph Read. Died Sept. 4, 1775.

(8) Phineas, born at Westford Jan. 3, 1722, died at Merrimack, N. H. Sept. 26, 1757.

(9) Timothy, born at Westford April 11, 1724, married Rachel Russell, settled at Litchfield, N. H.

(10) Susanna, born at Westford Dec. 26, 1725, died Dec. 26, 1729.

(11) John, born at Westford, Sept. 15, 1727, married Hannah Wright. Drowned while in the army in 1756.

(12) Bethiah, born at Westford Sept. 27, 1729, married Oliver Prescott.

(13) James, born at Westford Dec. 1, 1731, married Mary——. Settled at Litchfield, N. H.

HISTORY

Joseph [3] Underwood lived in his native town of Reading until 1715 when he removed to Westford, then a part of Chelmsford, Mass., where he lived the remainder of his life.

He was one of the signers of the covenant in 1727 and, in 1729, one of the original members of the first church in Westford, Mass.

He was active in all public affairs and evidently a man of character and ability.

He owned a large tract of land on the eastern slope of the hill upon which the central village is built, his property extending up to the common. He was an Inn Holder, as well as a farmer. He was largely interested in the settlement of the town of Litchfield, N. H. although he never removed his family to that place.

His sons, Timothy and James, settled there, however. His descendants were prominent in the Revolutionary war. His son Jonathan was a minute man from Suffield, Conn; another son Timothy was Captain in a company at the battle of Concord; a grandson (the son of Timothy) was a soldier under Gen. Putnam on Long Island before he was 18 years of age; another grandson Jeremy, the son of John, was a Lieutenant at West Point when Arnold's treachery was discovered, and being an artisan, was directed by Gen. Washington to open the trunk that Arnold left behind in his flight.

His son John was also in the army but was drowned before the Revolutionary war.

Joseph [3] Underwood died in Westford, Mass. Jan. 10, 1761 aged 80.

Susanna [3] Parker, wife of Joseph [3] Underwood, was the daughter of Ensign Nathaniel [2] and Bethiah (Polly) Parker of Reading and was born in 1687. Her mother was the daughter of John Polly and his wife Bethiah who was the daughter of Dea William Condray.

Nathaniel [2] Parker, born in 1651, was the son of Dea Thomas Parker and his wife Amy.

Dea Thomas came from England in the ship Susan Ellen in 1635. He died in 1683, aged 78, and his wife Amy died in 1690.

1716—1794

JONATHAN [4] UNDERWOOD, son of Joseph and Susanna (Parker) Underwood, married June 15, 1739 Hannah Richardson, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Underwood) Richardson, born at Medway, Mass. Dec. 25, 1718.

The children of Jonathan and Hannah, all except one born at Westford, were:

(1) Hannah, born in 1740, married Samuel Hildreth of Chesterfield, N. H.

(2) Jonathan, born in 1744, married in March 1777 Deborah Morgan of Brimfield, Mass. Died in Marlboro, Vt. Dec. 21, 1801.

(3) SUSANNA, born Sept. 22, 1747, married Jan. 8, 1765 Simeon Adams.

(4) John M., born in 1753, died at Marlboro, Vt. Feb. 7, 1816.

(5) Samuel, born————.

(6) Thadeus, born at Westford or Suffield, Conn. in 1760, married Mary Farr of Boylston, Mass. Died at Marlboro, Vt. Sept. 8, 1840.

HISTORY

Jonathan [4] Underwood married his cousin Hannah Richardson, and settled in his native town Westford where he lived until his removal to Suffield, Conn., probably about 1760, although his name does not appear upon the records there until 1763. The last record of him in Suffield is in 1773, but he was there later than that being a soldier of the Revolution from Suffield.

In the Adjutant General's record of Continental troops from Conn. his name appears upon the "Lexington Alarm Roll" comprising men who marched to Cambridge upon receipt of the news from Lexington and Concord in April 1775.

He was a member of Capt. Elisha Kent's company of 70 men, all of whom were from Suffield.

After his service as a soldier he removed to Marlboro, Vt. probably in 1776, the first record of him at that place being his election as moderator of a town meeting in 1777. He was selectman and representative to the General Court and many times moderator of town meetings.

His last recorded service in the town of Marlboro was upon a committee to build a court house in Windham County.

His sons Jonathan, John M. and Thadeus, settled in Marlboro, the former taking the freeman's oath in 1778.

Rev. E. Newton, in his manuscript history of Marlboro, now in the State Historical Library at Montpelier, states that in an Indian scare Nov. 1, 1780, the citizens of Marlboro fled from home and passing the house of Jonathan Underwood, urged him to flee with them. This he declined to do and went into his sugar house, built a fire and heated his large kettles full of water determined to fight the Indians single handed with hot water.

The alarm proved to be a false one, however, and the next day the frightened inhabitants returned to their homes unmolested, and the hot water was never used. Jonathan Underwood and his wife Hannah both died in Marlboro, Vt. the former on Oct. 1, 1794 aged 78, and the latter on May 26, 1813 aged 95 years.

Hannah Richardson, wife of Jonathan Underwood, was his cousin, being the daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Underwood) Richardson, her mother being a sister of Joseph [3] Underwood, her husband's father.

Her father, Daniel [3] Richardson, was the son of John [2] and Rebecca (Clark) Richardson and grandson of John [1] and Hannah (Truair) Richardson.

Hannah Underwood was born at Medway, Mass. Dec. 25, 1718.

CHAPTER XII

Descendants of Nathan Halladay.

1805—1890

HENRY ADAMS [6] HALLADAY, son of Nathan and Susanna (Adams) Halladay born at Marlboro, Vt. March 2, 1805, married at Wilmington, Vt. Nov. 19, 1833 Caroline Stearns, daughter of Dea Josiah Stearns of Wilmington.

The children of Henry A. and Caroline, were:

(1) HORATIO HENRY, born at West Halifax, Vt. Aug. 11, 1834 married at Troy, N. Y. Jan. 5, 1860 Lydia Ellen Perham.

(2) Josiah, born at West Halifax, Vt., in 1835, or 1836 died young.

(3) LUCIUS WILLARD, born at West Halifax May 28, 1837, married at Providence, R. I. Mar. 30, 1866 Sarah Pettis.

(4) William Stearns, born at West Halifax in 1838 or 1839 died young.

(5) William Albert, born at North Adams, Mass. Jan. 2, 1842, killed on R. R. at Eagle Bridge, N. Y. Aug. 31, 1862.

(6) CARRIE HENRIETTA, born at Searsburg, Vt. June 19, 1845, married at Troy, N. Y. April 28, 1868 Irving Hayner.

HISTORY

Upon the return of the widow of Nathan Halladay from the disastrous trip to the west as noted in Chapter XI and the consequent breaking up of the family, Henry Adams Halladay, then about 10 or 11 years of age, was placed in the family of Dr. Tucker of Marlboro, where he remained until he went to learn the trade of a tanner at a tannery about one and one half miles from Wilmington, Vt. on the road to Brattleboro. Having learned this trade he went to Prattsville, Greene Co., N. Y. in the Catskill Mt. region where he worked in the large tanneries of Zadock Pratt.

Returning to Wilmington, he married Caroline Stearns and settled at West Halifax, Vt. where he, with his brother Nathan W. bought a farm and built a tannery on a branch of North River which latter they operated together until March 1839 when Henry sold his interests in Halifax to his brother, and removed during the latter part of the same year to North Adams, Mass. and was employed as superintendent of Hodge's tannery. Later he removed to Searsburg, Vt. where he had charge of a tannery, but returned to North Adams in 1845 or 1846.

Here his wife Caroline died Nov. 15, 1846, and he remained until 1849, when he removed to "The Glen," a village in Warren Co. N. Y. on the Hudson River 22 miles above Glens Falls.

Here he remained five years, first as superintendent of the works and later operating the tannery in company with a man named Van Note. He removed to Troy, N. Y. making his home there while he travelled as a salesman for several years. During the Civil war he went to Philadelphia and was associated with his son Lucius W. until the latter's death in 1880, when he returned to Troy and thereafter made his home with his eldest son Horatio.

He died at Troy March 18, 1890, aged 85.

Both Henry Halladay and his wife Caroline were buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, N. Y.

1808—1867

NATHAN WILLARD [6] HALLADAY, son of Nathan and Susanna (Adams) Halladay, born at Marlboro, Vt. Oct. 1, 1808, married at West Halifax, Vt. Oct. 1, 1829 Sabra Lucinda Plumb, daughter of James and Lucinda (Allen) Plumb.

The children of Nathan W. and Sabra L., all born in West Halifax, Vt., were:

(1) Ellen Maria, born March 17, 1831, married Aug. 21, 1861 Elliot B. Fuller, who was born Mar. 5, 1829 and died Oct. 3, 1903. Residence Hartwellville, Vt. No children. She died Dec. 20, 1907.

(2) Josephine Clarissa, born Feb. 26, 1837, married (1) June 12, 1855 Ezra Canedy, who died, and she married (2) Milton Allard. Lived in Heartwellville and Whitingham and Bennington, Vt. No children. Died Oct. 9, 1920. Buried at Whitingham, Vt.

(3) Nathan Willard, born Feb. 11, 1839, died March 3, 1848.

(4) SUSAN LUCINA, born April 4, 1842, married Dec. 28, 1862 Lewis George Evans. Died at Bennington, Vt. Sept. 24, 1914.

(5) FRANCELIA EUNICE, born July 1, 1844, married June 20, 1872 Lyman Nelson Evans. Died at Bennington, Vt. Oct. 30, 1893.

(6) Albert Henry, born March 7, 1848, married at Boston Dec. 31, 1880, Mary McIntosh. Died at Savannah, Ga. Aug. 21, 1884.

HISTORY

Nathan Willard Halladay was placed upon the farm of Erastus Hall near West Halifax, Vt. at the early age of 7, when his father died, and remained there until he was 21. He was very much attached to the Hall family and this attachment continued through life. He married Sabra Plumb the daughter of Mr. Hall's neighbor James Plumb, and lived in West Halifax both at the Hall and Plumb farms and for a year or two at Wilmington, Vt.

Returning to West Halifax he with his brother Henry bought a farm and built a tannery upon a branch of North River which was operated under the firm name of Henry & N. W. Halladay until Mareh 1839, when

Nathan bought out his brother's interest and continued the business alone until Nov. 2, 1840 when he sold the tannery and water privilege to Charles Goodwin, retaining his farm however which he carried on until 1848. He removed to North Adams, Mass. in 1848 and went into the grocery business at the corner of Eagle and Union Sts. his partners being Marcena Ballou and John I. Leroy. This firm bought out the general store of Elliot B. Fuller opposite the hotel in Heartwellville, Vt. and Mr. Halladay devoted the most of his time to this store although making his home in North Adams.

On June 5, 1850 he sold his farm in West Halifax, to Amos Tucker and on Dec. 23, 1850 he bought of Geo. H. Lowe of North Brookfield, Mass. about 800 acres of timber land at Heartwellville, Vt. with a lumber mill situated on the west branch of the Deerfield River, and began the manufacture of lumber.

At this time he sold out his interest in the North Adams store and bought out his partners in the Heartwellville store.

In 1851 he removed his residence to Heartwellville and remained there as long as he lived. He was successful in his business and cut large quantities of lumber which he hauled by teams, marketing in North Adams. He also owned 500 acres of timber land in Stamford, 160 in Woodford and 114 acres in Searsburg, Vt. besides 835 acres in Heartwellville, or about 1600 acres in all. He died at Heartwellville, (West Readsboro) Vt., Aug. 25, 1867 aged 59 and his wife Sabra died July 31, 1865 aged 57.

Both were buried in the cemetery at West Halifax, Vt.

1803—1862

ALMIRA [6] HALLADAY, daughter of Nathan and Susanna (Adams) Halladay, born at Marlboro, Vt. March 14, 1803, married June 12, 1833 Stephen White of Colrain, Mass.

The children of Stephen and Almira, all born at Colrain, were:

(1) SUSAN AMELIA, born Mar. 20, 1834, married Aug. 26, 1851 Rev. A. W. Goodnow. Died at Wilmington, Vt. Mar. 19, 1873.

(2) Mary, born July 31, 1836, died Feb. 24, 1837.

(3) JAMES LEWIS, born Feb. 24, 1838, married March 23, 1872 Mrs. Lizzie M. Cobleigh. Died Oct. 20, 1915.

(4) WILLIAM LYMAN, born Mar. 31, 1840, married Nov. 22, 1877 Anna Elizabeth Henry. Died Feb. 13, 1915.

(5) Hannah Almira, born July 16, 1842, died Jan. 4, 1861.

(6) ALBERT LAWSON, born May 27, 1845, married Oct. 5, 1870 Harriet Adelaide Smith. Died Dec. 4, 1919.

HISTORY

Almira Halladay learned the trade of a tailoress which she followed at Marlboro Vt., Colrain, Mass. and perhaps at other places until her

marriage in 1833. After this she lived in Colrain until 1854, with the exception of one year spent in Halifax, Vt.

In March 1854, Mr. White bought a farm in Stamford, Vt. on the north side of Hoosac Mt. about 4 miles from North Adams, Mass. where the family lived until the death of Mrs. White Oct. 27, 1862. Her husband, Stephen, died at the home of his son Albert in Huntington, Mass., Feb. 28, 1889 aged 89 years and six months.

1810—1902

SUSAN [6] HALLADAY, daughter of Nathan and Susanna (Adams) Halladay, born at Marlboro, Vt. Dec. 17, 1810, married (1) Lewis White and (2) Aug. 10, 1845 Daniel Read Wheeler of Rutland, Mass.

The children of Daniel and Susan, all born at Rutland, were:

(1) DANIEL MERRICK, born July 3, 1846, married Nov. 19, 1868 Arvilla J. Putnam of Worcester.

(2) Daughter, born March 10, 1848, died the same day.

(3) WALTER ADAMS, born Aug. 14, 1850, married (1) Emma F. Newell, and (2) June 9, 1887 Mrs. Mary A. King.

(4) ABBIE ALMIRA, born June 15, 1855, married July 23, 1874 Ellis Peterson of Boston.

HISTORY

Susan Halladay lived with her uncle, Capt. Simeon Adams at Marlboro, Vt. after the death of her father in 1815 and until the marriage of her mother to Henry Babbitt, when she made her home again with her mother at Colrain, Mass.

She learned the tailor's trade of her sister Almira and worked for her, and also for a man named Russell in Colrain. After her marriage she lived at Rutland until her death May 7, 1902 in her 92nd. year.

Note: For the later descendants of Susan Halladay and Daniel Read Wheeler see Chapters VII, VIII and IX.

1834—1915

HORATIO HENRY [7] HALLADAY, son of Henry Adams and Caroline (Stearns) Halladay, born at West Halifax, Vt. Aug. 11, 1834, married at Troy, N. Y. Jan. 5, 1860 Lydia Ellen Perham, daughter of Charles O. and Lydia Towne (Bancroft) Perham of Troy, N. Y. She was born at Manchester, N. H. Jan. 1, 1840.

No children.

HISTORY

Horatio H. Halladay lived with his father at Halifax and Searsburg, Vt. and North Adams, Mass. until the latter removed to "The Glen," N. Y. in 1849 when he was sent to school at West Halifax, Vt. remaining about three years when he rejoined his father at "The Glen."

In 1854 he went west and traveled for about three years when he returned to Troy, N. Y. and in 1857, established his business, of manufacturing stencils, stamps, dies, etc.

He died in Troy Sept. 24, 1915 aged 81 and his wife died Oct. 30, 1916. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy.

1837—1880

LUCIUS WILLARD [7] HALLADAY, son of Henry Adams and Caroline (Stearns) Halladay, born at West Halifax, Vt. May 28, 1837, married March 30, 1865 Sarah Pettis of Providence, R. I., born at Cohoes, N. Y. May 20, 1838.

The children of Lucius W. and Sarah, all born in Philadelphia, were:

(1) CORRINE STEARNS, born June 27, 1866, married (1) Nov. 18, 1886 Frank Gladding of Providence, R. I. and (2)—— Edward W. Wall of Montreal.

(2) Henry Horatio, born April 13, 1868, married Dec. 29, 1899 Mary H. Logan of Boston. Residence Brookline, Mass.

HISTORY

Lucius W. Halladay lived with his father's family until 1854, with the exception of two or three years spent in school at West Halifax, Vt. probably about 1849 to 1852. He was a clerk at Kenyon's grocery store in Troy from 1854 until the close of the year 1859 when he became traveling salesman for a tobacco firm and later established a tobacco house in Phildaelphia buying whole tobacco crops from the Connecticut valley and elsewhere and manufacturing and selling the product, doing a large business. He lived in Philadelphia and later at Camden, N. J. He died at Providence, R. I. May 26, 1880. Both he and his wife were buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, N. Y.

1845—1922

CARRIE HENRIETTA [7] HALLADAY, daughter of Henry A. and Caroline (Stearns) Halladay, born at Searsburg, Vt. June 19, 1845 married April 28, 1868 Irving Hayner.

The children of Irving and Carrie H., all born at Troy, N. Y., were:

(1) Irving Jr., born Feb. 1, 1869, died at Troy Jan. 29, 1880.

(2) Horatio Henry, born Feb. 16——, graduated at Williams College and University of Buffalo Law School; was a member of Second New York Reg't during the Spanish war; died in Troy, N. Y. Sept. 30, 1896.

(3) MITTIE, born Nov. 17, 1873, married (1) Oct. 28, 1896 Fred H. Waterman and (2) Jan. 16, 1907 John Stewart Jones of Troy, N. Y.

(4) HELEN, born Oct. 27, 1878, married June 12, 1911 Frank Orin Campbell of Toronto, Canada.

(5) Caroline Halladay, born July 26, 1882.

HISTORY

Carrie H. Halladay lost her mother when only one and one half years old, and lived with her father until 1854, and with friends in Troy from 1854 to 1857, when she went to Rutland, Mass. to live with her aunt Mrs. Susan H. Wheeler remaining there most of the time until 1860 when she returned to Troy, and lived with her brother Horatio until her marriage. Residence of the family, Troy, N. Y.

Mr. Hayner died June 28, 1919, and Mrs. Hayner on Jan. 20, 1922. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery overlooking the Hudson River at Troy, N. Y.

1842—1914

SUSAN LUCINDA [7] HALLADAY, daughter of Willard Nathan and Sabra (Plumb) Halladay, born at West Halifax, Vt. April 4, 1842, married Dec. 28, 1862 Lewis George Evans.

The children of Lewis G. and Susan L., were:

(1) Gertrude Francelia, born at Heartwellville, Vt. Oct. 17, 1864, resides at Bennington, Vt.

(2) JOHN HALLADAY, born at Heartwellville Oct. 28, 1865, married Oct. 28, 1886 Emma Harris.

(3) Albert Wilmarth, born at Stamford, Vt. Feb. 19, 1875, died at Bennington, Vt. Sept. 13, 1875.

(4) Willard Ethan, born at Bennington, Vt. Nov. 12, 1879 died at Albany, N. Y. Aug. 10, 1901.

HISTORY

Susan L. Halladay lived with her father at Heartwellville, Vt. until her marriage and for ten years later; from 1872 to April 1875; in Bennington, Vt. from April to Sept. 1875; in Glastenbury, Vt. from Sept. 1875 to April 1877, and in Bennington from 1877 until her death Sept. 24, 1914.

Her husband was engaged in lumbering and farming. He died May 15, 1910. Both are buried in the Bennington Cemetery.

1844—1893

FRANCELIA EUNICE [7] HALLADAY, daughter of Willard Nathan and Sabra (Plumb) Halladay, born at Heartwellville, Vt. July 1, 1844, married June 30, 1872 Lyman Nelson Evans.

The children of Lyman N. and Francelia E. all born in Bennington, Vt., were:

(1) FRANK ALBERT, born June 17, 1874, married in 1895 Flora Fay.

(2) Carrie Olga, born Feb. 12, 1880, died Oct. 1, 1881.

(3) Sabra Ellen, born Oct. 31, 1886, died April 21, 1894.

HISTORY

Francelia E. Halladay lived at Heartwellville, and Bennington, Vt. after her marriage.

Her husband was a lumber manufacturer at Bennington and was a brother of Lewis G. Evans, who married her sister Susan. She died at Bennington Oct. 30, 1893, and her husband died in 1900. Both were buried in Bennington.

1848—1884

ALBERT HENRY [7] HALLADAY, son of Nathan Willard and Sabra L. (Plumb) Halladay, born at West Halifax, Vt. March 7, 1848, married at Boston Dec. 31, 1880 Mary McIntosh.

The child of Albert H. and Mary, was:

(1) Nathan Willard, born Feb. 3, 1882 (?), died young.

HISTORY

Albert H. Halladay, enlisted in the army and was stationed at various points on recruiting service. He died at Savannah, Ga., Aug. 21, 1884. His wife and child died before that date.

1834—1873

SUSAN AMELIA [7] WHITE, daughter of Stephen and Almira (Halladay) White, born at Colrain, Mass., March 30, 1834, married Aug. 26, 1851 Rev. Augustus W. Goodnow.

The children of Rev. A. W. and Susan H., were:

(1) Milton Augustus, born at Royalston, Mass. July 21, 1852, married June 18, 1879 Mary Gorham of Wilmington, Vt.

(2) Melvin Warren, born at Stamford, Vt. April 13, 1858, died at Wilmington, Vt. Dec. 12, 1863.

(3) Anna Marion, born at Wilmington, Vt. April 30, 1861, graduate of Smith College. Residence Wellesley, Mass.

HISTORY

At the time of her marriage, Susan A. White lived in Colrain, Mass. where her husband, a Baptist minister, was then preaching. They removed to Royalston, Mass. in 1852 and remained there and at Fitzwilliam, N. H. until 1854, when they removed to Stamford, Vt. remaining until 1860.

In the latter year they removed to Wilmington, Vt. where on March 19, 1873 Mrs. Goodnow died and was buried in the Wilmington Cemetery. Her husband died in Wellesley, Mass., and was also buried at Wilmington.

1838—1915

JAMES LEWIS [7] WHITE, son of Stephen and Almira (Halladay) White, born at Colrain, Mass. Feb. 24, 1838, married at Wilmington, Vt. March 28, 1872 Mrs. Lizzie Mary (Bond) Cobleigh of Guilford, Vt.

The children of James L. and Lizzie M., were:

(1) William James, born at Brattleboro, Vt. Feb. 25, 1873.
(2) ADDIE HARRIET, born at Brattleboro, Vt. Apr. 4, 1874, married April 18, 1900 Charles F. Wheeler.
(3) Susan, born at Vernon, Vt. —1876, died when 11 days old.

HISTORY

James L. White lived with his father in Colrain, Mass. and Halifax and Stamford, Vt. until 1858 when he went to Boston, remaining there several years. He enlisted in the 27th Mass. Reg't in Aug. 1861, and served until Sept. 1864, being wounded at the battle of Newberne, N. C. Returning from the war he lived at Heartwellville, Vt. until 1866, and afterwards at Greenfield, Mass.

After his marriage he was employed in the Estey Organ Works at Brattleboro, Vt. from Aug. 1872 to April 1877. He removed to Pittsfield, Mass. in 1879 and from there to Bridgeport, Conn. in March 1890, and died there Oct. 20, 1915 aged 77. His wife died March 16, 1899.

1840—1915

WILLIAM LYMAN [7] WHITE, son of Stephen and Almira (Halladay) White, born at Colrain, Mass. March 31, 1840, married Nov. 22, 1877 Anna Elizabeth Henry.

The children of William L. and Anna E., were:

(1) HENRY HALLADAY, born at Pittsfield, Mass. June 1, 1880, married June 16, 1906 Edith M. Newstead.
(2) HARVEY GRIDLEY, born at Pittsfield, Aug. 30, 1889, married May 10, 1915 Harriet E. Fowler.
(3) Aira Millicent, born at North Adams Sept. 19, 1892. Resides at North Adams.

HISTORY

William L. White lived with his father's family in Colrain, Mass. and Halifax and Stamford, Vt. until 1862 when he taught school at South Readsboro, Vt.

He took a course at Eastman's Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. and lived in North Adams from 1863 to 1872, with the exception of about one and one half years which he spent in the west. He then

removed to Pittsfield, Mass. returning to North Adams however in 1888 and remaining there until his death Feb. 13, 1915.

He was buried in the Pittsfield Cemetery.

1845—1919

ALBERT LAWSON [7] WHITE, son of Stephen and Almira (Halladay) White, born at Colrain, Mass. May 27, 1845, married at Chester, Mass. Oct. 5, 1870 Harriet Adelaide Smith,

The children of Albert L. and Harriet A., all born at Chester, Mass, were:

(1) Susan Luella, born Dec. 25, 1875. Residence at Springfield, Mass.

(2) Fred Leroy Fiske, born June 24, 1881, married at Watertown, N. Y. Nov. 4, 1912, Carrie Wormsworth, daughter of Matthew and Margaret (Edgar) Wormsworth, born at Tamworth, Canada, Nov. 9, 1881.

HISTORY

Albert L. White lived with his father's family in Colrain, Mass., Halifax and Stamford, Vt. until 1864 when he went to the adjacent town of Clarksburg, Mass. where he remained until May 1875 when he removed to Chester, Mass. He remained there ten years living first at Chester Center, and later in the valley of the Westfield River below Chester Depot.

In 1885 he removed to Huntington and in 1896 to Springfield, Mass., where Mrs. White was Principal of one of the public schools. Mr. White was connected with lumber interests during a large part of his life.

He died at Springfield Dec. 4, 1919 aged 74, and his wife Addie died on June 10, 1921. Both were buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in that city.

1866——

CORINNE STEARNS [8] HALLADAY, daughter of Lucius and Sarah (Pettis) Halladay, born at Philadelphia June 27, 1866, married (1) Nov. 18, 1886, Frank Gladding of Providence, R. I. who died May 9, 1901, and (2) Edward W. Wall of Montreal, Canada.

The children of Frank and Corrine all born at Providence, were:

(1) Benjamin Halladay, born Sept. 30, 1891, soldier in World war. Residence, Providence, R. I.

(2) Mary Tillinghast, born Dec. 20, 1896, married at Providence, R. I. April 19, 1922 Maj. Donald Babcock of Providence.

1873——

MITTIE [8] HAYNER, daughter of Irving and Carrie (Halladay) Hayner, born at Troy, N. Y. Nov. 17, 1873, married (1) Oct. 28, 1896

Frederick H. Waterman of Troy, and (2) Jan. 16, 1907 John Stewart Jones of Troy.

The only child of Frederick and Mittie, was:

(1) Halladay Hayner, born at Troy Oct. 6, 1897, died at Troy Nov. 30, 1900.

The children of John S. and Mittie all born at Troy, N. Y., were:

(1) Stewart Hayner, born April 18, 1908.
(2) Eleanor Hayner, born April 28, 1912.
(3) Caroline Hayner, born April 4, 1916.
Present residence of family, Troy, N. Y.

1878——

HELEN [8] HAYNER, daughter of Irving and Carrie (Halladay) Hayner, born at Troy, N. Y. Oct. 27, 1878, married June 12, 1911 Frank Orin Campbell of Toronto, Canada.

The child of Frank O. and Helen, was:

(1) Irving Hayner, born at Toronto June 12, 1914.

Present residence of family, Toronto, Canada.

1865——

JOHN HALLADAY [8] EVANS, son of Lewis G. and Susan (Halladay) Evans, born at Heartwellville, Vt. Oct. 28, 1865, married Oct. 28, 1886 Emma Harris, daughter of Smith and Nancy (Dillenback) Harris of South Shaftsbury, Vt. She was born at Ontario, N. Y. May 22, 1865.

The children of John H. and Emma, were:

(1) Bessie Edith, born at South Shaftsbury, Vt. July 28, 1887, died at Bennington, Vt. Aug. 26, 1891.

(2) GLADYS EVA, born at South Shaftsbury Sept. 7, 1890, married Nov. 1913 Albert W. Knights.

(3) Halladay Harris, born at South Shaftsbury July 10, 1893, married Aug. 29, 1914 Mrs. Ethel (Cutler) Loveland, of Woodford, Vt.

(4) Beulah May and (5) Bertie Lewis, twins, born in Woodford, Vt. Dec. 7, 1894. Bertie Lewis died Dec. 7, 1894.

(6) Lewis Willard, born at Bennington May 30, 1902.

Present residence of family, Bennington, Vt.

1874——

FRANK ALBERT [8] EVANS, son of Lyman Nelson and Francelia (Halladay) Evans, born at Bennington, Vt. June 17, 1874, married in 1895 Flora Fay of Bennington.

The children of Frank A. and Flora, all born in Bennington, Vt., were:

(1) Ruth Geraldine, born June 4, 1896, married Nov. 29, 1923 Paul Noyes Hillard. Residence, East Orange, N. J.
(2) Mildred Francelia, born Aug. 8, 1897, married in New York City April 3, 1920 Victor Earl Fishburn.
(3) Daughter, born Oct. 18, 1900, died Oct. 19, 1900.
(4) Louise, born Nov. 18, 1902, died Feb. 15, 1903

Present residence of family, Bennington, Vt.

1874——

ADDIE HARRIET [8] WHITE, daughter of James L. and Lizzie M. (Bond) White, born at Brattleboro, Vt. April 4, 1874, married April 18, 1900 Charles Bert Wheeler, of Bridgeport, Conn.

The children of Charles B. and Addie H., all born at Bridgeport, Conn., were:

(1) Loyd Raymond, born Dec. 8, 1902.
(2) Dorothy Elizabeth, born Jan. 1, 1908.
(3) Ruth Harriet, born March 7, 1912.

Present residence of family, Bridgeport, Conn.

1885——

HENRY HALLADAY[8] WHITE, son of William L. and Anna E. (Henry) White, born at Pittsfield, Mass., June 1, 1885, married at Conway, Mass. June 16, 1906 Edith May Newstead, daughter of George and Caroline (Lamfair) Newstead.

The children of Henry H. and Edith M., were:

(1) Dorothy May, born at Webster, Mass. April 24, 1910.
(2) Frank Newstead, born at Marlboro, Mass. Oct. 4, 1914.

1889——

HARVEY GRIDLEY [8] WHITE, son of William L. and Anna E. (Henry) White, born at Pittsfield Aug. 30, 1889, married at North Adams, Mass. May 10, 1915 Harriet Elizabeth Fowler, daughter of Edward Hamilton and Charlotte (Smith) Fowler. She was born at West Milton, N. Y. Jan. 11, 1891.

The children of Harvey G. and Harriet E., were:

(1) David Alan, born at North Adams, Sept. 22, 1916.
(2) ——————, born at North Adams————.

Present residence of family, Springfield, Vt.

1890——

GLADYS EVA [9] EVANS, daughter of John H. and Emma (Harris) Evans, born at South Shaftsbury, Vt. Sept. 7, 1890, married Nov. 26, 1913 Albert William Knights, son of Henry Alonzo and Helen Elizabeth (Wood) Knights of Bennington.

The children of Albert W. and Gladys E., were:

(1) Janet Evans, born at Bennington, Vt. Jan. 17, 1916.
(2) Albert, born at Bennington, Vt. Dec. 5, 1920.

Present residence of family, Bennington, Vt.

1897——

MILDRED FRANCELIA [9] EVANS, daughter of Frank Albert and Flora (Fay) Evans, born at Bennington, Vt. Aug. 8, 1897, married in New York City April 3, 1920 Victor Earl Fishburn.

The child of Victor and Mildred, was:

(1) Breard Evans, born at Lewiston, Maine Jan. 21, 1921.

Residence of family, Groveton, N. H.